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RATCHABURI

Ratchaburi is the land of the Mae Klong Basin civilization with the foggy Tanao Si Mountains. It is one province in the west of central Thailand which is full of various geographical features; for example, the low-lying land along the fertile Mae Klong Basin, fields, and Tanao Si Mountains which lie in to east stretching to meet the Thailand-Myanmar border. From legend and historical evidence, it is assumed that Ratchaburi used to be one of the civilized kingdoms of Suvarnabhumi in the past, from the reign of the Great King Asoka of India, who announced the Lord Buddha's teachings through this land around 325 B.C. The central town of ruling power of Suvarnabhumi was Nakhon Pathom which was called "Dvaravati" at that time. In addition, Ratchaburi was also the meeting point of ancient tradesmen and the gateway to Burma. Therefore, Ratchaburi is one of the most crowded cities with different races. Nowadays, Ratchaburi is full of many interesting things; history, ruins, ways of life, culture, hand-crafted and moulded works, basketry, tides and mountains, and beautiful nature waiting for us to visit.

Ratchaburi province has an area of 5,196 square kilometres. It is divided into 10 Amphoes are Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi, Amphoe Photharam, Amphoe Damnoen Saduak, Amphoe Pak Tho, Amphoe Chom Bueng, Amphoe Bang Phae, Amphoe Wat Phleng, Amphoe Suan Phueng, Amphoe Ban Pong and Amphoe Ban Kha.

Boundary

North	borders with Kanchanaburi
South	borders with Phetchaburi
East	borders with Samut Sakhon, Samut Songkhram, Nakhon Pathom
West	borders with Myanmar

How to Get There:

By Car:

-Old route: Take Phetchakasem Road or Highway 4, passing Bang Khae-Om Noi–Om Yai–Nakhon Chai Si–Nakhon Pathom–Ratchaburi.

-New route: Take Highway 338, from Bangkok–Phutthamonthon–Nakhon Chai Si and turn into Phetchakasem Road near Amphoe Nakhon Chai Si about 16 kilometres before arriving at the city of Nakhon Pathom. Then, drive along Phetchakasem Road and go straight to the city of Ratchaburi.

By Bus:

The Transport Company Ltd., provides buses from the Southern Bus Terminal on Borommaratchachonnani Road to Ratchaburi everyday. The first-class and second-class air-conditioned buses depart many times a day, taking about 2 hours to get to the province. For more

details, please contact the first-class air-conditioned bus (Ratchaburi), please call Tel. 0 3233 7787. Buses depart every 20 minutes. (The first trip from Bangkok leaves at 6.00 a.m. and last trip leaves at 10.30 p.m. The first trip from Ratchaburi leaves at 4.00 a.m. and last trip leaves at 8.30 p.m.) or the second class air conditioned bus of the Ratchaburi Group 76 (Ratchaburi) Company Limited at Tel. 0 3233 8439, 0 3232 2776, 0 3232 5152, 0 3233 8276 (The first trip from Bangkok leaves at 6.00 a.m. and the last trip leaves at 10.30 p.m. This bus take the old route passing Phetkasem Road and Nakhon Pathom City) or for visiting the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, contact air-conditioned bus (Bangkok-Damnoen Saduak) at Tel. 0 2894 6355, the first bus departs at 5.50 a.m. (every 40 minutes) taking about 2 hours. Get off the bus at the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. For more information, contact the Southern Bus Terminal at Tel. 0 2894 6122 or www.transport.co.th. In addition, buses from Ratchaburi Bus Station to other neighbouring provinces, such as Nakhon Pathom, Kanchanaburi, Samut Songkhram and Phetchaburi, are available.

By Train:

The State Railway of Thailand provides trains leaving Bangkok Railway Station Hua Lamphong and Thon Buri Railway Station (Bangkok Noi) everyday, which takes about 2 hours. For further details, please contact the Travelling Service Unit, Bangkok Railway Station at Tel. 1690 or call Thon Buri Railway Station at Tel. 0 2418 4310 and Ratchaburi Railway Station at Tel. 0 3233 7002 or www.railway.co.th.

Distance from Amphoe Mueang to other districts

Ban Kha	57	kilometres.
Bang Phae	28	kilometres.
Ban Pong	43	kilometres
Chom Bueng	27	kilometres.
Damnoen Saduak	42	kilometres.
Pak Tho	26	kilometres.
Photharam	20	kilometres.
Suan Phueng	60	kilometres.
Wat Phleng	12	kilometres.

Distance from Ratchaburi to other neighbouring provinces

Kanchanaburi	87	kilometres.
Nakhon Pathom	47	kilometres.
Phetchaburi	58	kilometres.



Ratchaburi National Museum

Samut Sakhon	75	kilometres.
Samut Songkhram	40	kilometres.

Attractions

Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi *(อำเภอเมืองราชบุรี)*

City Pillar Shrine *(ศาลเจ้าพ่อหลักเมือง)* is situated near the lodging house of Phanurangsi Ratchaburi Engineering Military Camp, which is about 600 metres from the town. It is the old city pillar built in the reign of King Rama II. Within the Military Camp, visitors can inspect the Army Engineer Museum, situated at Tambon Khok Mo, which is a historical centre to collect sources regarding the army engineer's activities, tools, and ancient appliances. It is open on Mondays–Fridays at 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. For further information, please call Tel. 0 3233 7267

Ratchaburi National Museum *(พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติราชบุรี)* is located on the Woradet roadside, Tambon Na Mueang, near the clock tower on the Mae Klong riverside. This building used to be the city hall, built in the reign of the King Rama VI in 1922. Later, it was changed to be the national museum in 1983 and was renovated many times. Until 1991, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presided over the official opening ceremony of the museum. Visitors can see the exhibition highlighting Ratchaburi in many aspects; such as history, archaeology, ethnology, geology, traditional arts, fishery



Wat Chong Lom

tools, culture of the Ratchaburi people in different groups such as Lao Song, Karen, and Thai Yuan, including many tourist attractions, prominent artefacts besides the royal sword Ratchasattra of Monthon Ratchaburi. Also, we can see the Radiating Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara image with characteristics of Ancient Khmer art in Bayon style, which is one of five of its kind excavated in Thailand with the most complete and beautiful features. The museum opens daily at 8.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. It is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and public holidays. Admission is Bt 100. For more details, please call Tel. 0 3232 1513 Fax. 0 3232 7235.

Luangpho Kaenchan *(หลวงพ่อแก่นจันทน์)* is situated at Wat Chong Lom near the old city, on Woradet roadside, in the centre of the town. It is a Buddha image in the gesture of holding an alms bowl in his arms calmly. This widely respected image is made of bronze and its base is sculptured from sandalwood, which has a sweet smell. The image is 2.26 metres high.



Wat Mahathat Worawihan

Wat Mahathat Worawihan *(วัดมหาธาตุวรวิหาร)* which local people call Wat Na Phrathat or Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat is an old temple, situated on Khao Ngu Road, Tambon Na Mueang in Mueang Ratchaburi municipal area. It is believed that this temple was built in the Dvaravati Period, around the 10^{th}–11^{th} Century, nearly the same time as when the old city of Ratchaburi was built. Later, a Khmer or Lop Buri sanctuary was built over the temple around the 13^{th} Century to be the centre of the town according to the Khmer belief regarding the universe. Then, for fear that the sanctuary might tumble down, a new Phra Prang was built at the beginning of the Ayutthaya era, around the 15^{th}-16^{th} Century. Therefore, we can see the overlapping style of architecture. Moreover, interesting things in the temple are Wihan Luang where Phra Mongkhon Buri is enshrined. It is a stucco Buddha image in the gesture of subduing Mara, which has a lap width of 8 Sok 1 Khuep. Its characteristic is of the Pre-Ayutthaya art, with a Sukhothai



Wat Khao Wang

style face. It has a long body but short knees. He turns his face to the east, and there is another Buddha image behind his back, turning its face to the opposite side or the west. This means we ask the Buddha's blessing to prevent danger from the front as well as the back. Thus, it is also called Phra Raksamueang–city's protective Buddha-along the belief of people in the Ayutthaya era. In front of the Wihan, there is a boundary wall made of laterite.

Prang *(ปรางค์)* is a stupa with a height of 24 metres. The principal prang and other directional prangs in the south, the west and the north are situated on the same base. In the east, there is a porch with a staircase. The base, body and superstructure are decorated with

stucco relief. The principal prang is connected with an antechamber with murals inside. The murals on the top part of the wall depict a row of the past Buddhas sitting in niches. The paintings in the lower part depict the life of the Lord Buddha. It is assumed that these murals were painted and repaired at the same time when the Prang was built and restored around the 17th Century. There is a passage and cloister around the Prang complex housing stone Buddha images built in the Dvaravati, Lop Buri, and Ayutthaya Periods. The Reclining Buddha image is situated in front of the Phra Prang. It is a cement Buddha image, built in the Ayutthaya Period, with a length of 127 Khuep 9 inches, and this temple also has a museum exhibiting different styles of jars. ***How to get there:*** take the route to the Ratchaburi National Museum; then, turn left and go straight on for about 200 metres.

Wat Khao Wang *(วัดเขาวัง)* is located on Khao Sattanat which is quite small with a height of 44 metres. It is approximately 2 kilometres. west from the provincial city. There is a driving lane to the top of the mountain. King Rama V commanded to build a palace on this mountain in 1873, similar to King Narai the Great who ordered to build the Narai Ratchaniwet at Lopburi. However, King Rama V went there only once in 1877 to welcome a Portuguese envoy and never came again until the end of his reign. Later, in the reign of King Rama VII, the king yielded the palace to the temple. Also, people donated to renovate some of its parts and some buildings, which were turned into the Phra Ubosot–ordination hall-and monk's residences, and this place was later announced to be a temple. At the top, we can see a panoramic view around the town. For more details, please call Tel. 0 3231 2725.

Ban Khu Bua Ancient City *(เมืองโบราณบ้านคูบัว)* is situated in Tambon Khu Bua. It is an archaeological site where many archaeological evidence have been found and indicated that Ratchaburi used to be a civilized port city in the Dvaravati Period. The architecture in Khu Bua Ancient City was influenced by the Gupta school of Indian art and evidence shows that Buddhism had been in Thailand for more than 1,000 years. Other important discovered artefacts, especially ancient Buddha images' heads, are kept in the Ratchaburi National Museum and some are kept at Wat Khlong Suwannakhiri. Ban Khu Bua Ancient City contains many archaeological evidence, such as Boran Sathan Wat Khlong which is situated near the entrance of Wat Khlong Suwannakhiri, about 5 kilometres. south from the town along Thao U-thong Road. The plan of this ancient monument is in the shape of a rectangle. In the north and the south, each side of the monument has 3 porches. In the east, the porch stretches out and is used as the stairs to climb up to the top. The lowest base is in a rectangular shape made of laterite covered with cement. There is an indentation of 3 porches



Ban Khu Bua Ancient City

along each of the lateral sides of the base. The second base is in a shape of a curved lotus, and over the base there are brickworks made up into rectangular panels decorated with stucco-work in the shape of Bua Fan Yak. The next higher base is plain supporting rectangular niches on the top and the large angular pilasters above. Between the pilasters, there is a niche called Sum Charanam with a pointed end switching with the pilasters all along the line of the wall. Besides, Lan Prathaksin–a circumambulation platform-is situated on the top of the base of the monument.

Monument No. 8 is located behind the Wat Khu Bua School. The remains of a pagoda base have a square-shaped plan with a width and length of 20.80 metres and a height of 5.40 metres. The lower base is in the shape of a large square plinth made of bricks and cement. Next to the base, the curving lotus base is situated to bear the arch with surrounding square-shaped holes and the Lan Prathaksin is on the top. The second base is the pagoda base in the shape of a bending lotus bearing a small rectangle niche under the pagoda. There is a ruin of stucco at the base but no evidence of moulded cement sculpture.

Chipathaphan Sathan Ban Khu Bua *(จิปาถะภัณฑ์สถานบ้านคูบัว)* is located at Mu 6, Tambon Khu Bua near Wat Suwankhiri. It is the folk museum of the Ban Khu Bua community built by the cooperation of people from many local communities and organizations. The building has two floors and each floor has many rooms. On the downstairs, there are exhibitions of artefacts in the Dvaravati style, a wax model of the museum project, the people’s way of life in a Thai Yuan community



Chakri Memorial Park

immigrating from Mueang Chiang Saen in 1804 to settle down in Mueang Ratchaburi and their farming tools. On the second floor, there is the exhibition of the process of weaving traditional Pha Chok of the Thai Yuan from Chiang Saen, the showroom of Pha Chok textiles of the Thai Yuan Chiang Saen in a typical style which are more than two hundred years old, and Pha Chok in a modern style of the new generations of Thai Yuan. In addition, there is a room to exhibit the costumes of various ethnic groups in Ratchaburi such as Yuan, Song, Lao Wiang, Mon, Karen, Chinese, and native Thai. The museum opens daily from 9.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m. (Please contact in advance). For more details, please contact Dr. Udom Somporn at Tel. 08 1763 1989.

Chakri Memorial Park *(สวนสาธารณะจักรีอนุสรณ์สถาน)* is located at the foothill of Khao Kaen Chan, on the Phetchakasem roadside. It is a park for recreation where the statue of King Rama I is situated for people to pay homage and commemorate.

Khao Kaen Chan *(เขาแก่นจันทร์)* is formerly called Khao Chan Daeng, *(เขาจันทร์แดง)* with a height of approximately 141 metres. It is the highest mountain in the province with a road cut through to the top of the mountain. On the top of the mountain, a wihan is situated with Phra Phuttha Nirokhantarai Chaiwat Chaturathit or local people call "Phra Si Mum Mueang", which is one of four Buddha images King Rama IX built and placed in four provinces: Ratchaburi, Lampang, Saraburi, and Phatthalung. It opens at 7.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m. Tourists can admire a beautiful sight of Ratchaburi from the top of the mountain.



Khao Ngu Stone Park

Khao Ngu Stone Park *(อุทยานหินเขางู)* is located at the foothill in the area of Khao Ngu Park, in Tambon Ko Phlapphla. It is a cave and a religious monument regarding Buddhism. In the cave, there is a Buddha image sculptured on the wall with a gesture of sitting in the European style and giving a sermon according to Buddhist art in the Dvaravati Period (5^{th}-7^{th} Century). It is widely known as Phra Phutthachai Tham Ruesi Khao Ngu. It has a flat face, connected eyebrows forming the shape of parenthesis, bulging eyes, flat nose, bolded mouth, large curls, and his halo on the top of the head is in the shape of a lotus bud. Between his ankles, there is an inscription of Pallava scripts in Sansakrit language which can be transcribed into the phrase Punyakarmachara srisamadhigupta, which means Phra Srisamadhigupta is purified by making merit. It is one important evidence of arts in the Dvaravati era. Moreover, in the cave, many sandstone Buddha images of the art of Ayutthaya era are housed. In the area of Tham Ruesi Khao Ngu, there are many interesting tourist attractions as follows:

Lord Buddha's Footprint made of laterite is located in the Wihan which is situated on the top of Khao Ngu with a height of approximately 128 metres. It is the ruin of a rectangle-shaped building made of bricks and cement.

Tham Fa Tho is located near Khao Ngu Park, about 250 metres west from Tham Ruesi Khao Ngu. On the southern wall, there are reliefs of a massive reclining Buddha image underneath a gathering of gods, and tree. In the north, there are reliefs of the Lord Buddha's two followers.



Khao Noi Thiam Chan

The composition of sculpture in this cave is like that in Tham Cham, which depicts the scene when the Lord Buddha passed away to Nirvana. The festival to pay respect to the Lord Buddha is held every year on the first day of the waxing moon of the eleventh lunar month. Near the Khao Ngu, there are also Tham Rakhang and Khao Phrabat, on the top of which the Lord Buddha's footprint is located and which is the sight-seeing point of Khao Ngu.

How to get there: drive away from the town along Highway 3087 (Ratchaburi-Chom Bueng-Suan Phueng), and go on north-westward approximately 6 kilometres., then you will see the intersection leading to the cave.

Khao Noi Thiam Chan *(เขาน้อยเทียมจันทร์)* is located in Tambon Ang Thong, and from the provincial city it is approximately 10 kilometres. along Phetchakasem Road. There is an old laterite ordination hall where two laterite Buddha images are situated inside. People also call those Buddha images "Luang Pho Khao Noi". There is



Wat Nong Hoi

the replica of the Buddha's footprint on top from where a panoramic view of the province is available.

Khao Luang *(เขาหลวง)* is located in Tambon Ang Thong. On the top of the mountain, a respected stone Buddha image is situated. On the full moon day of the sixth lunar month of every year, people have often come to pay homage to the image for more than two hundred years. Tourists can admire a splendid view of Ratchaburi from the top of the mountain.

Wat Nong Hoi *(วัดหนองหอย)* is siuated at Mu 2, Tambon Khao Raeng, on the top of Khao Raeng. It is the place where a Wihan of Kwan Yin Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara is situated. The image is 16 metres high and has a lap width of 9 metres. The other side of the mountain is the place where Phra Phuttha Rattanakosin Mahamuni (Luangpho Yai) is situated. Many people often come and pay respect to the Buddha image here.

It opens at 7.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m. There is an annual celebration during Chinese New Year.

How to get there: By car: The temple is approximately 13 kilometres. from the town along the Khao Ngu–Boek Phrai Route. Tourists can drive up to the area of the Wihan. By bus: Tourists can take a bus Ratchaburi–Nong Hoi from the market in the provincial city in front of the Government Savings Bank, and get off in front of the temple.

Amphoe Pak Tho *(อำเภอปากท่อ)*

Chaloem Phra Kiat Thai Prachan National Park *(อุทยานแห่งชาติเฉลิมพระเกียรติไทยประจัน)* is located at 110 Mu 5, Ban Thai Prachan. It covers the areas in Amphoe Pak Tho's Tambon Yang Hak, Amphoe Suan Phueng's Tambon Tanaosi and Tambon Tha Khoei, and Amphoe Ban Kha's Tambon Ban Kha and Tambon Ban Bueng, totalling approximately 136,250 rai of land. Geographically, it is a complex range of mountains covered by the headwater forest of Huai Prachan or Prachan Creek. This is a significant and beautiful attraction comprising Namtok Mae Prachan, Ban Pong Krathing Hot Spring (Ban Bueng Hot Spring), and the reservoir under the shade of trees. This place is suitable for relaxation and a nature study tour.

Accommodation: The park offers two reception houses and a camping site for visitors who bring their own tents. For more information, contact



Ban Bueng Hot Spring



Sacred Heart Church

the National Park at Tel. 08 7165 3278 or e-mail: thaiprachan_np@dnp.go.th.

How to get there: From the city of Ratchaburi, drive along Phetchakasem Road for around 20 kilometres. Turn right to follow Highway 3206 for around 45 kilometres. Turn left toward Ban Thai Prachan for 5 kilometres before reaching the Park headquarters.

Amphoe Wat Phleng *(อำเภอวัดเพลง)*

Amphoe Wat Phleng , formerly called "Ban Phleng" is a small district next to Amphoe Mueang. In the past, it was very far from the transportation route and there were little villages spread around the area. Villagers always sang Phleng Phuang Malai in this area. There were Pho Phleng (male singer) and Mae Phleng (female singer) singing together in a competition sometimes for 3 days, 3 nights or 7 days, 7 nights and never knew who the winner was. That's why it was called "Ban Phleng" which means a song village. At present, the place remains a peaceful atmosphere and conserves the way of life of the local people

along the canal. Sometimes if you have a chance, you may see farmers gather coconuts and combine them in a large long string and drag it along the ditch in their orchards that is the local process of transporting agricultural produce which is rarely seen. Visit the 100 years old Sacred Heart Church which is distinct and beautiful in a western style. or Contact Dok Prayong San Fan Club Tel. 0 3231 9657 or Wat Phleng District Tel. 0 3239 9471

How to get there: from Montri Suriyawong Road, drive along the Mae Klong River until the end of Route 3088 and encircle to pass the shady coconut groves.

Wat Phleng *(วัดเพลง)* is a district temple which serves as a place for performing religious affairs and Buddhist ceremonies by the people living in the area. During his reign, King Rama V visited the temple and gave royal tributes; such as, a container for keeping tobacco. Other interesting things include a replica of King Ramkhamhaeng's inscription stone, a Buddha image in the posture of giving blessing, and the Buddha's footprint which is enshrined in Wihan Luangpho Ruesi.

Wat Pramot *(วัดปราโมทย์)* is a temple where visitors can inspect the Buddhist scripture hall located in the middle of a pool, which is rare to be seen. Pay homage to the image of Luangpho To, which is 159 years old, and worship the statue of King Rama V the Great.

Sacred Heart Church *(โบสถ์คริสต์วัดพระหฤทัย)* is a 100-year-old Christian church with a Gothic architectural style, looking attractive in a western style. All external parts have been conserved to be the same like when it was first built. The interior design follows the style of an ancient Christian church, with statues of the followers of Jesus Christ which were imported from France. Visitors should submit a letter to request for permission to visit in advance. For further information, please call Tel. 08 9913 9383, or Fax: 0 3239 9277.

Wat Ko San Phra *(วัดเกาะศาลพระ)* is believed to have been built at the end of the Ayutthaya Period, as evident from the design of the gables, and Sema boundary markers. The temple was named Wat Ko San Phra since it was formerly surrounded by a canal. However, the original name of the temple had a different spelling in Thai: วัดเกาะศาลพระ, but the same pronunciation: Wat Ko San Phra. (- San - means to weave.) Later, its name was changed and it has been called Wat Ko San Phra with the spelling วัดเกาะศาลพระ (- San - here refers to a shrine) until now. One of the interesting monuments includes an old ordination hall. It was told that the principal Buddha image in the hall was built following the ancient tradition, made of woven bamboo, lacquered, and gilded. For further information, please call Tel. 08 4570 7299

To get there: Drive from Montri Suriyawong Road, along the Mae Klong Riverside, passing shady coconut groves, until you reach the end of Highway 3088.

Amphoe Damnoen Saduak *(อำเภอดำเนินสะดวก)*

Damnoen Medical Spa *(ดำเนิน สปายา)* is located in the Damnoen-saduak Hospital. It provides tourists, who love a traditional Thai spa which meets international standards, with massage programmes; such as, massage for relaxation, foot massage, aroma massage, etc. in the serene Thai luxurious and classic atmosphere. It also offers a beauty service with high technological tools which reach international standards. For further details, please contact the Spa Section at Tel. 0 3224 6000 - 15 ext. 626, on Mondays - Fridays, at 8.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m., or weekends at 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Royal Thai Handicraft Centre *(รอยัลไทย แฮนด์ดิคราฟ เซ็นเตอร์)* is situated at 240 Mu 6, approximately 11 kilometres. from Bang Phae Intersection at Km. 15 on Highway 325. The centre contains teak



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sculptures in many forms for decoration or furniture such as wooden sculpted picture, living room suite, wine cupboard, and screen. There is a demonstration of making mulberry paper, sculpting wood, and there are souvenir shops selling various products such as bag, lamp and wooden products. It opens daily at 8.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m. For further information, please contact Tel. 0 3225 3010-14 or www.royalthairtc.com

Wat Luangpho Sot Thammakayaram *(วัดหลวงพ่อสดธรรมกายาราม)* is situated in Tambon Phaengphuai, on Bang Phae-Damnoen Saduak Road. From Bang Phae, the temple is on your left, 10 kilometres. before you arrive at Damnoen Saduak Intersection. The temple's ordination hall was constructed near the end of the Ayutthaya era, and it was the place to keep jade Buddha images in different gestures. Inside the temple, the learning garden and royal permanent forest garden is located with an area of more than 200 rai (320,000 square metres). This temple received the 1st prize for the outstanding forest garden from the Royal Forest Department in 1996. In addition, it is the provincial Pali language school. There is an exhibition concerning Lord Buddha's relics and instruction of meditation and practice of Dhamma for Thais and foreigners is given on Sundays at 9.30 a.m.–2.30 p.m. The training course will be held for 2 groups each year in May and in December. For further details, please call Tel. 0 3274 5180 ext. 191, 220, 08 6306 0920 or www.dhammakaya.org

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market *(ตลาดน้ำดำเนินสะดวก)* or well-known as Khlong Ton Khem Floating Market, is one famous attraction of Ratchaburi, approximately 80 kilometres. from Bangkok. Around 1866, King Rama IV commanded to dig Khlong Damnoen Saduak with a distance of more than 32 kilometres. connecting the Mae Klong River at Bang Nok Khwaek to the Tha Chin River at Pratunam Bang Yang. There are several small canals, so people in Ratchaburi, Samut Songkhram, and Samut Sakhon can commute to visit each other conveniently.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market was first known as a tourist attraction in 1967 in the picture of the floating market crowded with small rowing boats which contained necessary products for living. We could see tradesmen, who dressed in dark-coloured clothes with a hat made of palm leaves like farmers, rowing boats to sell and exchange products in the period when the waterway was the main transportation route. Damnoen Saduak Floating Market opens early in the morning until noon. Wat Prasatsit Floating Market, where we still can see traditional ways of life, opens early in the morning until 08.00 a.m. The most suitable time to visit the market is from 08.00-12.30 hrs. For more details, please contact the Tourism Public Relations Centre of Amphoe Damnoen Saduak at Tel. 0 3224 1023

Touring along the canal and admiring Damnoen Saduak Floating Market *(ล่องคลองชมตลาดน้ำดำเนินสะดวก)* Rental boats are available at Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Each rowing boat costs Bt 300-400 and each long tailed boat Bt 600. The long tailed boat can contain 6-8 passengers, and it takes about 1 hour to bring them to see orchards and the process of producing fresh sugar palm sap beverage. For more information, please contact Yuwanda Pier at Tel. 0 3224 1392, 08 9161 0909, 08 6668 9471.

How to get there: By car: From Bangkok, tourists can travel to Damnoen Saduak Floating Market by 2 routes as follows:

1. Drive along Phetchakasem Road (Highway 4), passing Bang Khae, Rose Garden, Nakhon Chai Si, and Nakhon Pathom. After you arrive at Km. 83, turn left at the Bang Phae Intersection and drive along Highway 325 for about 25 kilometres. Cross the Thanarat Bridge and go straight on for 200 metres then turn right and go ahead for 1 kilometre.

2. Drive along the Thon Buri-Pak Tho Route (Highway 35), a distance of 63 kilometres. Turn right into Highway 325, passing the town of Samut Songkhram, then turn into Highway 325 for about 12 kilometres. The entrance to the floating market is ahead of the Thanarat Bridge for 200 metres. Turn left and drive on another 1 kilometre.

By Bus: Air-conditioned bus (Bangkok-Damnoen Saduak) leaving the Southern Bus Terminal on Borommaratchachonnani Road. The first bus departs at 5.50 a.m. (every 40 minutes) taking about 2 hours. Get off the bus at the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. For more information, Tel. 0 2894 6355. (To go to the Southern Bus Terminal, taking non-airconditioned bus no.19, 28, 30, 40, 57, 66, 89, 123, 124, 125, 127, 146, 149, 159, 201 and airconditioned bus no.79, 170, 174, 177, 183, 507, 511, 516, 539).

In addition, tourists can travel by other buses, such as Bangkok-Ratchaburi, Bangkok- Phetchaburi (Old Route), and get off at Bang Phae Intersection. Then, take a Song Thaeo on the Bang Phae Intersection-Damnoen Saduak Route, which departs every 10 minutes.

Talat Nam Damnoen Saduak Kao or Khlong Lat Phli *(ตลาดน้ำดำเนินสะดวกเก่าหรือคลองลัดพลี)* is located at Wat Rat Charoen Tham (Wat Sun). This old Damnoen Saduak floating market has been revived to be active again. There are boats selling hygienic fruits and vegetables, noodles, traditional coffee, etc. A boat tour offers a chance to witness ways of life, local culture of 8 tribes, traditional massage, health treatment with a herbal compress and a herbal sauna, and OTOP products. For more information, contact the Damnoen Saduak District Office at Tel. 0 3224 1204.



Siam Cultural Park

Amphoe Bang Phae *(อำเภอบางแพ)*

Siam Cultural Park *(อุทยานหุ่นขี้ผึ้งสยาม)* is located opposite Wat Luang, Tambon Wang Yen, around 20 kilometres from the city of Ratchaburi, on the Bang Phae–Damnoen Saduak route. Within the Park, in an area of 42 rai (67,200 square metres), it has a peaceful, natural atmosphere where visitors can view a wonderful sight at many spots; such as,

Hall of Fame, Inside are fibreglass wax images of important people, both Thais and foreigners, such as Khru Montri Tramod, M.L. Pin Malakul, Mother Teresa, President Deng Xiaoping, Chairman Mao Tse-tung, etc.

Tham Chadok *(ถ้ำชาดก)* where there is an exhibition regarding the last incarnation of the Buddha as Phra Wetsandon or Vessantara Bodhisattva who dedicated himself to making merit by offering.

Monastic Cells, a group of Thai houses which exhibit the wax figures of well-practiced monks who were well-known around Thailand.

Thai houses in the style of four regions, a replica waterfall, and the Terrace of the Bodhisattva. On the ground of Buddha images of the three periods, there are smoked brass-cast Buddha images.

The Park is open daily from 9.00 a.m.–4.30 p.m. on weekdays and from 8.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m. at weekends. Admission is 200 Baht for adults and 100 Baht for children. For more information, call Tel. 0 3238 1401, 0 3238 1404. Fax: 0 3238 1403 www.scppark.com

How to get there:

By Car: From Bangkok, drive along Phetchakasem Road until arriving at the Bang Phae Intersection. Drive on the Bang Phae - Damnoen Saduak route for about 500 metres.

By Bus: Take a second-class air-conditioned bus, Bangkok - Damnoen Saduak route, from the Southern Bus Terminal and get off in front of Wat Luang. Cross the road to the opposite side and you will arrive at the Siam Cultural Park.

Rai Pluk Rak *(ไร่ปลูกรัก)* is an organic vegetable farm in an area of 60 rai (96,000 square metres). Many kinds of vegetables in the plots are grown by means of crop rotation, producing green vegetables for salad, Chinese greens, and fruits. Ducks are raised for eggs and herbivorous fish are cultured in the pond.

In addition, the farm also provides half-day and one-day tour programmes for tourists who are interested and would like to learn about organic agriculture. Please contact in advance for reservations or further information at Tel. 0 3228 9521, 08 6376 2244, or www.thaiorganicfood.com.

How to get there: Drive along Phetchakasem Road to Ratchaburi province, passing Nongpho Dairy Co-operative Ltd. at Km. 73. Drive straight on for about 5 km. until getting to the farm. It is at Km. 78, on the left.

Amphoe Ban Pong *(อำเภอบ้านโป่ง)*

In World War II, Ban Pong was the Japanese military camp and the starting point of the Death Railway at Nong Pladuk Railway Station before leading into Kanchanaburi to expand the military base to Burma. At present, Amphoe Ban Pong is one of the largest bus assembly industrial areas, so it is also called the “Detroit of Thailand”.

Bueng Krachap *(บึงกระจับ)* is located at Mu 4, Tambon Nong Kop. It is a large fresh water swamp used as a fish breeding farm. We can do jet-skiing and canoeing at the swamp. It covers the area of Amphoe Ban Pong and Amphoe Photharam.

How to get there: from Bangkok take Highway 323 and drive on for about 3 kilometres. before you get to Amphoe Ban Pong until you see Wat Bueng Krachap on your right. Go on for about 1 kilometre.

Sa Kosinarai *(สระโกสินารายณ์)* is believed to have been built in the 13^{th} century, in the Lop Buri Period. According to history, the pond was located northward outside the city wall. Within the city, there are remains of an ancient site called Chom Prasat, situated in the middle of the city. Originally, there were three ponds: Sa Nakha, Sa Khe, and Sa Mangkon, all of which have now been destroyed. Only the Chom Prasat remains in the Siam Craft Factory. Furthermore, fragments of



Nong O Waterworld

Chom Prasat's stucco and eaves tiles were discovered and are now stored in the Ratchaburi National Museum.

At present, this ancient site has been developed to provide a recreational place for people to relax and do exercises. This site is under the responsibility of Tambon Tha Pha Municipality, equipped with a pond, garden, and playground for children.

Nong O Waterworld *(หนองอ้อ วอเตอร์เวิลด์)* is located at 90 Mu 1, Tambon Nong O, on the way to Nakhon Chum Irrigation Project next to Karuna Garden Ville. It has an exhibition of both local and international ornamental fish species, such as from America or Africa. The area is divided into many parts where tourists can walk comfortably such as the building to exhibit ornamental fish species, guppies aquarium, angel fish aquarium, gold fish aquarium, and dwarf cichlids aquarium. There is a model of a waterfall with ponds and aquariums containing various species of fish. Furthermore, the Monchida Butterfly Garden will help visitors to learn about the life cycle of butterflies in the real nature closely, such as when they eat nectar, lay eggs, and leave the pupa. It opens daily at 8.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m. (Tickets are sold until 4.30 p.m.) Admission is 40 Baht for adults and 20 Baht for children. For more information, please call Tel. 0 3229 9437-8.

How to get there:

By car: Take the Pinklao-Nakhon Chai Si route or Phetchakasem Road, passing Nakhon Pathom and drive along Highway 4. Turn into the way to Amphoe Ban Pong. At Km. 74-75, before reaching Amphoe

Ban Pong, turn left and go on for about 1 kilometre to get to Monchida Aquarium (next to Ban Pong Ornamental Fish Cooperative Market).

By bus: From Bangkok, take the bus Bangkok- Ban Pong-Kanchanaburi from the Southern Bus Terminal and get off at Amphoe Ban Pong, then take a local bus to the Aquarium.

Wat Muang Folk Museum *(พิพิธภัณฑ์พื้นบ้านวัดม่วง)* is situated inside Wat Muang, in Tambon Ban Muang, on the Mae Klong riverside. From the history inscribed in palm-leaved books with Mon script, Wat Muang was an old temple constructed near the end of the Ayutthaya era. At that time, most people in the Ban Muang community and along both sides of the Mae Klong Basin were Mons, living with other ethnic minorities such as Thai, Chinese, Laotian, Vietnamese, Khmer and Karen. There was an integration and exchange of different cultures until it formed the identity of the local people. In addition to the close relationship between people's culture in Ban Muang community and their old beliefs, this community has become a treasure of knowledge about Mon studies for others. This museum is the library where we can search for the history, ways of life and culture of the Mon local community from the past until now.

The exhibitions are divided into rooms to give people a better understanding. It starts from the main hall, Mon in legend, Mon in history, Mon language and script, Mon culture, Mon immigrants, Mon in Thailand and cultural leaders. There is an exhibition of artefacts, palm-leaved books inscribed with Mon script which are more than 300 years old, clothes, and appliances which point out the interesting local intellect. The exhibition gives knowledge about the importance of the Mae Klong Basin in the past, the relationship of the economy, society and culture of the community in Ban Muang, Amphoe Ban Pong and Amphoe Photharam.

The Mon Studies Centre is located inside the temple which provides Mon language courses for people on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Wat Muang Folk Museum opens on Fridays and weekends at 9.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m. Admission is free. If you are interested in visiting on weekdays, please contact in advance. To visit in groups, please contact in advance by submitting a letter to the Abbot of Wat Muang. For more information, please call Tel. 08 6004 0786 (Contact Khun Sa-ang Phromin), 08 9885 8817, 0 3237 2548 or www.monstudies.org. Wat Muang Folk Museum invites visitors in groups of at least 10 persons to try typical food from Mon cuisine such as Kaeng Bon, Nam Pla Yam, and Kaeng Matat at lower prices. Please contact Khun Sa-ang Phromin in advance. In the area of the temple, there is a local weaving centre which sells hand-woven cloth and loincloth or Pha Khao Ma. It opens daily at 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m., the telephone number is 08 6111 1367.



Nang Yai Museum, Wat Khanon

How to get there:

By car: From the town of Ratchaburi, take Highway 4 and turn into Amphoe Ban Pong along Highway 3089 (Khok Sung–Boek Phrai) (the way to Tham Khao Chong Phran). Then, cross the Mae Klong River Bridge and go on about 7 kilometres. The museum is about 2.5 kilometres. from the entrance of the intersection.

By bus: From Bangkok, take the bus Bangkok-Kanchanaburi and get off at Amphoe Ban Pong. Wait for the local bus Ban Pong-Photharam and take it to the front of Wat Muang.

Amphoe Photharam *(อำเภอโพธาราม)*

Nang Yai Museum, Wat Khanon *(พิพิธภัณฑ์หนังใหญ่วัดขนอน)* is situated at Wat Khanon, in Tambon Soi Fa, on the Mae Klong riverside, approximately 10 kilometres. from Amphoe Photharam. It is a typical Thai house with an exhibition about Nang Yai, its history, and process of making Nang Yai puppets. There are 313 complete Nang Yai puppets and most of them are characters in the Ramayana including many show sets such as Hanuman Thawai Waen, Sahatsa Kuman, and Phao Krung Longka. The performance set Suek Intharachit 1 is the royal project of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn who realized the value of the performance and art of Nang Yai or grand shadow show which is approved to be a high-class work of art. All Nang Yai figures

are carved. The performance includes a grand traditional orchestra with the graceful movements of persons who operate the leather puppets along with the speeches of a narrator and singing by a singer. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn asked the temple to conserve the performance of the grand shadow show which was made up by Phrakhru Sattha Sunthon (Luangpu Klom), an ex-abbot of Wat Khanon in the reign of King Rama V. The ex-abbot had excellent craftsmanship and at that time there were already a few Nang Yai figures at the temple, but he wanted to make larger ones. Thus, he invited Khru Ang who used to play Khon with the Ratchaburi Governor's troupe, Chang Chat and Chang Cha who were Ratchaburi people, and Chang Phuang who was a Ban Pong villager to join together to make the first set of puppets of the show named Hanuman Thawai Waen. Later, they made up another nine sets. Those leather figures were valuable treasures of the temple which were conserved from generation to generation. Then, the temple built the museum and this is the only temple which has a show of its own. The complete puppets and the show troupe are under the patronage of the temple and the Nang Yai shadow show has been performed until now. The museum opens daily at 8.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m. The show is performed by students from Wat Khanon School only once a week on Saturdays at 10.00-11.00 a.m. (To see the show on weekdays, please contact in advance. Admission is Bt2500 per show). For more information, please contact the Abbot of Wat Khanon at Tel. 0 3223 3386, 08 1753 1230 Fax. 0 3235 4272.



Murals at Wat Khongkharam

How to get there:

By car: Take Highway 4 or Phetchakasem Road, passing Nakhon Pathom to Amphoe Ban Pong, Ratchaburi. Then, turn right at Amphoe Bang Phae Intersection and drive along Highway 3090 to get to Amphoe Photharam. Cross the bridge over the Mae Klong River and turn right into Highway 3089. Go for about 3 kilometres., and you will see Wat Khanon on your right.

By bus: Take the bus Bangkok-Photharam from Southern Bus Terminal and get off at Photharam Bus Station. From there, take a Song Thaeo running on the Ban Pong–Photharam route to the front of Wat Khanon or take a hired motorcycle which takes about 5 minutes.

Wat Chet Samian Community *(ชุมชนวัดเจ็ดเสมียน)* is located behind the Chet Samian Railway Station, a small railway station where all southern trains pass before reaching Ratchaburi province. The front of Chet Samian Market is next to the railway station while it backs on the Mae Klong River. One of the significant places of interest of the community is Wat Chet Samian. At the Chet Samian Old Market, an activity "All about Arts" is held on Fridays and the last weekends of each month, from 4 p.m. onwards. Visitors can see an exhibition of photos, paintings by Photharam artists, traditional performances, and display of ancient appliances, all of which are rarely-seen. For further information, please contact Suan Silp Ban Din at Tel. 0 3239 7668, 08 1831 7041.

Wat Phra Si An *(วัดพระศรีอารย์)* is located in Tambon Ban Lueak. The golden Ubosot (ordination hall) is in the style of art of the late Ayutthaya period, decorated with stucco designs and paintings of the stories of Maha Janaka Jataka, the Ten Incarnations of the Lord Buddha, and the Five Buddhas. The principal Buddha image within the ordination hall is in the posture of subduing Mara. This Burmese-style white jade image was taken from Burma. Another image is Phra Si An or Ariya Mettaya which is an ancient Buddha image with prominent features: a preaching fan is in front of the image and the robe-wearing style is similar to that of the image in the Gandhara period. This sacred image is worshipped by the public. Cannon-ball trees from India have been grown in the temple. Buddhism activities; namely, Dharma camp and art of speaking camp, are held for children and youth. For More information, please call Tel: 0 3223 2595 or http://phrasian.spaces.live.com

How to get there: Take the route to Amphoe Photharam on Highway 3080, around 500 kilometres. from the Bang Phae Intersection.

Murals at Wat Khongkharam *(จิตรกรรมฝาผนัง วัดคงคาราม)* is situated in Tambon Khlong Ta Khot. Drive approximately 22 kilometres. northward from the provincial city along Highway 4, turn left into Highway 3080, and go on for 1 kilometre. It is the Mon temple constructed by Phraya Mon more than 200 years ago. Formerly, it was

called “Wat Klang” or “Pia To”; later, King Rama V gave the new name “Wat Khongkharam”. The temple consists of the Phra Ubosot, or the ordination hall, surrounded by 7 Mon- style pagodas. In the ordination hall, the gilded principal Buddha image, whose axis is made of laterite, is situated. The base of the Buddha image is made in a form of combined upturned and overturned lotuses. The murals were made elaborately since the beginning of the Rattanakosin era. Each painting seems to be animated and tells the history of the Lord Buddha, which can be rarely seen. In addition, a typical Thai monk’s cell with 9 rooms, built in the Thon Buri Period, is now changed to be the folk museum. It is the place to collect artefacts relating to the local area in order that the next generation can learn about its history. The museum opens daily at 9.00 a.m.–4.30 p.m. Admission is Bt 10. For further information, please call Tel. 0 3223 1770.

How to get there:

By bus: From Bangkok, take the bus Bangkok-Photharam at the Southern Bus Terminal and get off at Photharam Postal Office. Take a hired motorcycle to the entrance of Wat Khongkharam.

Khai Luang Ban Rai *(ค่ายหลวงบ้านไร่)* is located in Tambon Khlong Ta Khot, approximately 7 kilometres. from the administrative office of Amphoe Photharam. In the past, it was the Wild Tiger Scout camp where King Rama VI came for 9 times to train boy-scouts in field practices such as fighting, digging trenches, and using weapons. Later, M.L. Pin Malakun and the public service authority realized the significance of this place so they built the statue of King Rama VI who founded the Wild Tiger Corps at Khai Luang Ban Rai. Nowadays, this camp is a recreational place with the permanent exhibition hall of M.L. Pin Malakun Na Ayutthaya. Furthermore, boyscout and girlscout camps, and shelters for freshy camps are available. It opens at 8.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. For more details, please call Tel. 0 3223 2828, 08 1880 3672.

Bat Cave at Khao Chong Phran *(ค้างคาวเขาช่องพราน)* is located in Tambon Tao Pun, approximately 9 kilometres west from Amphoe Photharam if you depart from the town of Ratchaburi. Take the route Khao Ngu-Boek Phrai and go on for about 17 kilometres. In the area of Khao Chong Phran, a beautiful cave named “Tham Phra Non” is situated with more than 100 Buddha images and a massive reclining Buddha image which is 9 metres long inside. However, the most famous thing to see at Khao Chong Phran is a giant flock of more than a million bats flying out together of the cave and forming a large black and long line across the sky. This activity lasts for hours every evening after sunset, around 5.30 p.m. In summer, they will fly to the east but in winter they fly to the west.

Tham Sarika *(ถ้ำสาริกา)* is in Tambon Thammasen, on the same route to Khao Chong Phran. Follow Highway 3089, and at Km. 9-10, take a turn at the junction and go on for another 2 km. You can see the small mountain where a gorgeous cave known as Tham Sarika is situated. King Bhumibol gave the name to this place when he visited and enscribed his royal initials at the entrance of the cave.

Amphoe Chom Bueng *(อำเภอจอมบึง)*

Tham Khao Bin *(ถ้ำเขาบิน)* is located in Tambon Hin Kong on the Khao Bin Range with an area of about 5 rai (8,000 square metres). It is in a national forest reserve area. The depth of the cave is about 300 metres, measuring from the entrance to the deepest area of the cave. The cave is divided into 8 rooms, depending on the characteristics of beautiful stalagmites and stalactites as follows: Siwa Sathan, Thong Akhantuka, Than Anodat, Sakunachat Khuha, Thewasapha Samoson, Kinnon Thatsana, Phrueksa Himmaphan, and Utthayan Thuaithep. The route inside the cave is arranged tidily and the light provided helps visitors to create more imagination. This was the first cave of Thailand which arranged a lighting system. It was believed that the name Tham Khao Bin was given according to the shape of stalagmites and stalactites which looked like an eagle stretching its wings gracefully. Inside the cave, a small mineral pond which people believe is a holy pond is located. The cave opens daily at 8.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m. Admission for adults is Bt20 and for children is Bt10. For further details, please call Tel. 0 32391397, 0 3239 1737-8.

How to get there: from the provincial city, take Highway 3087 (Ratchaburi-Chom Bueng-Suan Phueng) for about 22 kilometres. Turn left at Km. 20 and drive on about 1.6 kilometres.

Central Literature Botanical Garden, Khao Prathap Chang *(สวนพฤกษศาสตร์วรรณคดีภาคกลาง เขาประทับช้าง)* is located at the foothill of Khao Prathap Chang, opposite to the entrance of Tham Khao Bin. It covers the area of Tambon Hin Kong, Amphoe Mueang and Tambon Pak Chong, Amphoe Chom Bueng. It is a shady forest garden collecting various species of plants stated in Thai literature which are rarely found, especially in December–April, the scene of white Oraphim Bauhinia Winitii Craib flowers blooming is very wonderful. This place is suitable for people who want to relax and learn about plants and nature. Besides, there is a nature-learning route named "Phrueksa Nanaphan" which includes 13 stations with a distance of 900 metres, taking about 45 minutes to walk through. The route will bring you to see the field of various kinds of plants in Thai literature such as herbs, provincial plants, animals such as tiger, deer and barking deer. It opens daily at 8.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. For more information, please call Tel. 0 3221 1025 ext. 807. Contact the Head of the office at Tel. 08 1866

9338. Around January and June, the running and mountain biking competition, and the program to visit the garden are held every year with the cooperation of Muban Chombueng Rajabhat University. For further details, please call Tel. 0 3226 1790 ext. 6009.

How to get there:

By bus: From Bangkok, take the bus Bangkok-Chom Bueng to get to the entrance of Tham Khao Bin. The Central Literature Botanical Garden at Khao Prathap Chang is opposite to the entrance of the cave.

Khao Prathap Chang Wildlife Sanctuary *(เขตห้ามล่าสัตว์ป่าเขาประทับช้าง)* is situated in Tambon Pak Chong on Highway 3087 (Ratchaburi–Chom Bueng–Suan Phueng) at Km. 18. It is in the responsibility of the Royal Forest Department. The natural forest is on Khao Prathap Chang and the reservoir at the cliff is one great point of sight-seeing and bird-watching in October–November. The sanctuary opens daily at 8.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m.

Khao Prathap Chang Open Safari and Khao Prathap Chang Wildlife Breeding Research Station *(สวนสัตว์เปิดเขาประทับช้างและสถานีวิจัยการเพาะเลี้ยงสัตว์ป่าเขาประทับช้าง)* is situated in Tambon Pak Chong. It is the only station under the responsibility of the Royal Forest Department which has a laboratory to foster and reproduce tigers and other animals such as goat-antelope, guinea fowl, deer, etc. most of which are donated or seized and brought to be protected and reproduced. After that, they will live in the Khao Prathap Chang Open Safari which has an area of about 30 rai (41,600 square metres). Admission is free but donations for animal's food and safari maintenance is accepted.

Tham Chomphon *(ถ้ำจอมพล)* is situated in Tambon Chom Bueng, 11 kilometres. from Tham Khao Bin in the area of the arboretum. The entrance of Tham Chom Bueng is in Muban Chombueng Rajabhat University where a lot of monkeys live. This cave is formerly called "Tham Mutchalin". In 1895, King Rama V and Queen Saovabha Phongsri visited the cave and were impressed with the beautiful stalagmites and stalactites, especially the so-called 'Pha Wichit' stalactites which looked like the fringe of a shoulder strap of a Field Marshal. Therefore, they gave the cave a new name "Tham Chomphon" or Field Marshal Cave. Besides fantastic stalagmites and stalactites, this is the place where the Phra Phutthasaiyat–reclining Buddha image - is located and there is a celebration every year in the dry season. Admission for adults is Bt10 and for children is Bt5. It opens daily at 9.00 a.m.–4.30 p.m.

Wat Tham Singto Thong *(วัดถ้ำสิงโตทอง)* is situated at 45 Mu 11, Tambon Pak Chong. Phra Ratchasangwaraphimon (Luangpu To Indhasuwanno), the abbot of Wat Pradu Chimphli visited the cave and found that it was a calm, peaceful place, which was not far from



Khao Prathap Chang Open Safari and Khao Prathap Chang Wildlife Breeding Research Station

Bangkok and suitable for practicing meditation. Therefore, he initiated the construction, prepared materials, and raised funds to construct permanent buildings; such as, 12 shelters for practicing meditation in front of the foot of mountain, some of which made of wood collected from the old shelters in Wat Pradu Chimphli's graveyard. A canteen and shelters for followers are also provided. Furthermore, he also constructed a replica of the Lord Buddha's footprint and Buddha images in different gestures; such as, walking, blessing, the replica of Phra Phutthachinarat, Phra Sangkatchayana, and Guan Yin Bodhisattva. In addition, many caves in the neighbouring area were also renovated. Moreover, there are many interesting spots of interest; such as, Chedi Luangpu To, Ordination Hall which houses Phra Phutthasirikitiphiphat, Tham Singto Thong originated from stalagmites and stalactites which form a figure like a lion's head, and houses Buddha images in various gestures, and Tham Luangpu To which displays some of Luangpu To's appliances. For further details, please call Tel. 08 1013 3310, 08 1400 4044, 0 3226 1501 - 4.

To get there: Take Highway 3087, passing the entrance to Tham Khao Bin. Turn right at Km. 22 and drive on for about 3 km.

Amphoe Suan Phueng *(อำเภอสวนผึ้ง)*

Amphoe Suan Phueng is situated on the highland, surrounded with mountains bordering Thailand and Myanmar. Therefore, the climate is quite cool similar to the northern part of Thailand, and it is not far from Bangkok, taking only 2 hours by car.

Huai Khok Mu *(ห้วยคอกหมู)* is located on the Thailand - Myanmar border. One interesting point is the Huai Khok Mu sight-seeing point on the Tanao Si or Tenasserim Mountains, at a height of 867 metres above sea level, next to Mergui or Myeik in Myanmar. This viewpoint is in forested mountains rich with natural resources and a diversity of large trees. Moreover, this is the operating base of Border Patrol Police Sub-division 137, which is in charge of security and patrols within the significant topography.

At present, the Tanao Si Sub-district Administration Organization, in cooperation with the Border Patrol Police Sub-division 137, has developed the area to welcome tourists who love adventure tourism and off-road journeys. This is where we can see the beautiful sight of the Thai - Burmese natural frontier. For further details, please contact the Tanao Si Sub-district Administration Organization at Tel. 0 3239 5426.

Phawothai Local Museum or Folk Wisdom Garden *(พิพิธภัณฑ์ภโวทัย หรือ สวนภูมิปัญญาชาวบ้าน)* From the front of the Suan Phueng Police Station, turn left and go on about 2 kilometres. passing Wat Suan Phueng. Turn right and cross the bridge then the museum is on your left. The museum is a modern traditional Thai house which gathers artefacts, carriages and various kinds of Thai flowering plants. It opens on weekends at 8.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m. and on public holidays. Admission is Bt50. Shelters are available for tourists. For further details, please call Tel. 0 3239 5192, 08 1255 4547 or 08 6171 8400 Fax: 0 3234 2053.

Bo Khlueng Hot Stream *(ธารน้ำร้อนบ่อคลึง)* Depart from Amphoe Suan Phueng about 5 kilometres. until you get to the intersection leading to the Bo Khlueng Hot Stream. Go straight on for 10 kilometres.



Khao Krachom

Bo Khlueng is a natural hot stream whose water source is from the Tanao Si Mountains. The water flows all year and it is pure hot water with a temperature of 120-136 degrees Fahrenheit. In winter, in the morning, the hot stream will combine and form a terrific fog. A hot water well and natural hot water pond for bathing is available. The cost of mineral water bathing in the natural hot pool is 50 Baht for adults and 30 Baht for children. Bathing in the tiled pool costs 80 Baht for adults, and 50 Baht for children. It opens on Mondays–Fridays at 8.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m. and on Saturdays–Sundays at 08.00 a.m.–06.00 p.m. Admission is Bt5. For more details, please call Tel. 0 3232 9025, 0 3271 1086.

Natural Science Park *(อุทยานธรรมชาติวิทยา)* is at 254 Mu 7, Ban Huai Phak, Tambon Suan Phueng, in the area of the Tanao Si Mountains. With an area of 132,905 rai (212,648,000 square metres), it covers the area in Tambon Suan Phueng and Tambon Tanao Si. It was built following Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's conception with the purpose to conserve and refine the forest area and to research the social, physical and biological characteristics of the park to arrange learning sources for children, youth and others. Since H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has been visiting here many times and found that the forest contains bio-diversity, she gave guidelines to conserve and develop this area. Inside the park, there is the Natural Science Information Hall which collects general information about the park, in terms of social sciences, physical science and biology by arranging exhibitions, printed media, video presentations and a library for searching information about the environment. In addition, there are shops selling souvenirs, books, postcards with the picture of the Natural Science Park, royal literature of the H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and products from the Royal Career Support Project. Furthermore, the park provides 2 nature study routes:

Route 1: Start from the office, passing Bo Khlueng Hot Stream and turn back to the office, taking 1 hour.

Route 2: Start from the office and walk along the waterfall, passing Bo Khlueng Hot Stream and turn back to the office, taking 3 hours.

Each route has nature interpretation signs. For more information, please call Tel. 08 1107 0086. At Bangkok, please contact the Office of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's Suan Chitrlada Royal Project at the Chitralada Villa Tel. 0 2281 3921, 0 2282 6511 ext. 22

Namtok Kao Chan or Kao Chon (Kao Krachon) *(น้ำตกเก้าขั้น หรือเก้าโจน (เก้ากระโจน)* is situated at Ban Huai Phak, Mu 7, Tambon Pha Phueng, about 1 kilometre. from the Bo Khlueng Hot Stream. It is a medium-sized waterfall with a height of 7 layers. The water flows from the high cliff in the middle of the valley all year round. The quantity of water increases in the higher levels. Rocks in this area are granites.

Previously, this waterfall was known only among Karens; later, foreign companies came and got concessions to operate the mine around 1941. After the concession contract was terminated, the district and local organizations were responsible for maintaining the area.

How to walk to admire the waterfall, from the car park, go on foot for about 500 metres to get to the lowest level of the waterfall. You can walk on to the highest level and the total distance is about 2 kilometres., taking 2-3 hours. Admission for a car, or van, or pick-up car is Bt30 per each. A bus is charged Bt100.

Usawadi Garden *(ไร่อุษาวดี)* is away from Namtok Kao Chan. Drive from Amphoe Suan Phueng for 19 kilometres. and turn into the way leading to Ban Huai Nam Sai. Go on for about 3 kilometres. It is a private garden planted with roses from foreign species and other various kinds of flowering plants in the middle of the valley. Tourists can visit this garden all year, especially in winter. They can walk to Namtok Pha Toei which is about 1 kilometre. from the rose garden. It opens daily at 8.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m. For more details, please call Tel. 08 1903 6554, 08 1955 8446.

Queen Sirikit Forest Garden *(สวนป่าสมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิติ์)* is located at the foot of the Tanaosi Mountain, Tambon Tanaosi, on the Suan Phueng–Ban Huai Muang Road, around 25 kilometres. from the Suan Phueng District Office. The Park covers an area of approximately 3,000 rai of land. was built to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 60th Birthday Anniversary. It is the centre of various kinds of plants which have economic value, and this place is a great nature study centre. Besides, the Phachi River flows and clashes against the large stone islet which is well-known by the name, Kaeng Som Maeo.

Khao Krachom *(เขากระโจม)* is located in Tambon Suan Phueng, at the westernmost border of Thailand. It is 1,000 metres above sea level. At the mountaintop, visitors can admire the beauty of the sea of mist like that appearing in the North, in the morning during 5.00–6.00 a.m. Most of the forests are verdant. Rare species of orchid can be found in the area of Namtok Pha Daeng. Nature trails are available along the way to the mountaintop.

How to get there: Take Highway 3208 past the town of Amphoe Suan Phueng for around 15 kilometres. Turn right beside Wat Pha Pok to pass Namtok Pha Daeng. The distance from the entrance to the mountaintop is around 9 kilometres., with a four-wheel drive vehicle. The four-wheel drive service is on offer for rent at the prices of 1,800–2,000 Baht. For more information, contact the Suan Phueng–Ban Kha Tour Operators Club at Tel. 0 3236 4111.

Amphoe Ban Kha *(อำเภอบ้านคา)*

Amphoe Ban Kha is a new district which is not quite known. It is situated in the western part of Ratchaburi, near the Thailand-Myanmar border. It is prominent for its complete and pure natural resources, challenging tourists who love adventure in a wide forest.

Namtok Huai Suan Phlu *(น้ำตกห้วยสวนพลู)* is located in Maenam Phachi Wildlife Sanctuary at Mu 4, Tambon Ban Bueng. It is one waterfall with a complete fertile environment and bio-diversity. Evidence shows that 5 types of hornbill were found including other rarely-seen birds such as Long Tailed White Asian Paradise Flycatcher and wild orchids. Summer is the time when around ten thousand bees gather. It is recommended to stay at least 1 night to travel around the area.

Namtok Sap Toei *(น้ำตกซับเตย)* is about 6 kilometres. from the minor district. It is a nine-leveled waterfall. The distance from the lowest level to the highest one is about 2 kilometres. Through the walking route, you can see diverse kinds of herbs, wild orchids and ferns.

Wat Pa Phrathat Khao Noi *(วัดป่าพระธาตุเขาน้อย)* is located at Mu 1, Tambon Ban Kha, about 500 metres from the minor district. There is a pagoda containing relics of Luangpu Thet Thetrangsi who was very respected by Buddhists. On the mountains is a sight-seeing point which is the nearest to the Tanao Si Mountains.

Thai Prachan Hot Spring *(พุน้ำร้อนไทยประจัน)* is the hot spring located in Amphoe Ban Kha. This is the small hot spring well with a width of 5 metres. The temperature of the water in the pond is 65 degrees Celsius. If visitors clap their hands, there will be air bubbles floating beyond the water's surface. Tourists can choose to try bathing in the cool water flowing from the Tanao Si Mountains or hot water from the pond.

How to get there: Follow the Highway 3206 from Pak Tho Intersection to Ban Pong Krathing. Then go along the Route Pong Krathing-Phu Nam Ron for about 11 kilometres

Events & Festivals

Ratchaburi Tourism Fair *(งานเที่ยวราชบุรี)* is held every year during February–March on the ground of the City Hall. Activities include demonstrations of famous handicrafts, such as jar making and "Sin Tin Chok" cloth weaving, the selling of OTOP products and agricultural produce, and folk art and cultural performances by local tribal groups.

Sweet Grape and Damnoen Saduak Floating Market Week Fair *(งานเทศกาลองุ่นหวานและตลาดน้ำดำเนินสะดวก)* is held around March–April of every year to introduce agricultural produce to the market, especially grapes which most people grow in Amphoe Damnoen Saduak. Damnoen Saduak Grape is famous for its sweetness

and good taste. Besides an exhibition to present the quality products from grapes, visitors can buy other agricultural produce at lower prices such as coconut, pomelo, lychee, etc. This fair features the beauty contest of Thida A-ngun Wan and the competition of quality agricultural products.

King Rama V's Visit Remembrance Festival *(งานดำเนินรำลึกเสด็จประพาสต้น)* is arranged every year in July at Wat Chotikayaram, Amphoe Damnoen Saduak to commemorate King Rama V's unofficial visit to Ratchaburi. Most participants are dressed in traditional costumes in the style of the King Rama V Period, and there is a costume competition. In addition, there are exhibitions to commemorate the king's kindness, cultural performances, and local products for sale.

Khao Ho or 'Ang Mi Thong' Festival *(ประเพณีกินข้าวห่อ หรือ อั้งหมี่ทอง)* is a Su Khwan ceremony or the blessing ceremony for happiness and longevity in life, held around the ninth lunar month. Karens believe that the ninth lunar month is a bad time when ghosts and evil hunt and eat "Khwan"-spirit -of people, so those people may get sick or die. Normally, this ceremony is often held on the full moon day of the ninth lunar month, but if some families are not convenient, they can change to any day in the ninth month. In the ceremony, people boil "Khao Ho" which is sticky rice moulded and wrapped in a cone shape; then they will boil it like Khanom Chang. In the past, they ate Khao Ho by dipping it in honey but at present they often dip it in sliced coconut. On the day they boil Khao Ho, the Su Khwan Ceremony will be held, too. It starts with poking a wooden plate and blowing a Khaen for entertainment; then the elders in each family will tie red threads on the children's wrists and give a blessing for good luck.

Local Products & Souvenirs

Amphoe Mueang *(อำเภอเมืองฯ)*

Dragon Jar and Ceramic Ware *(โอ่งมังกรและเครื่องเคลือบดินเผา)* are produced from good quality clay in Ratchaburi. Besides the famous dragon jars, many ceramics for interior decoration are produced. There are more than 40 ceramic factories and shops in Ratchaburi.

Pha Sin Tin Chok *(ผ้าซิ่นตีนจก)* is the elaborate clothing handicraft of Thai-Yuan which we can see and buy at:

Ratchaburi Thai-Yuan Cooperative (สหกรณ์การเกษตรไท-ยวน ราชบุรี) It is situated at the entrance of Wat Khu Bua. There is the demonstration of weaving Pha Tin Chok, and ready-made clothes for both men and women are for sale. It opens daily at 8.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m. For more information, please call Tel. 0 3271 7165.

How to get there: from the provincial city, take a bus Ratchaburi-Nong Bua and get off at the agricultural cooperative.



Pha Sin Tin Chok, Ban Khu Bua

Ratchaburi Pha Chok Art Centre (ศูนย์สืบทอดศิลปผ้าจก ราชบุรี) is located in Wat Khae Sai, on Phetchakasem Road, in Tambon Khu Bua, approximately 8 kilometres. from the town. It is the centre to collect information about the art of Thai-Yuan Pha Chok, and to keep samples of Pha Chok with original patterns. The centre provides a demonstration of weaving cloth and shops selling local products such as Pha Tin Chok made of cotton, ready-made clothes, Pha Thung–women's tube skirt, and Pha Khao Ma or loincloth. It opens daily at 8.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m. For more details, please call Tel. 0 3230 0031.

Ban Khun Thongyu Kamlanghan (Grandma Son Kamlanghan) (บ้านคุณทองอยู่ กำลังหาญ (คุณยายซ้อน กำลังหาญ)) is located in the alley which is diagonally across from Wat Khae Sai's Centre. There is the demonstration of weaving cloth and the distribution of Pha Sin Tin Chok, and Pha Khao Ma. It opens daily at 8.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m. For further details, please call Tel. 0 3235 2699.

Ratchaburi Local Cloth Handicraft Centre (ศูนย์หัตถกรรมทอผ้าพื้นบ้าน ราชบุรี) is located at Wat Na Nong, Tambon Don Rae. A group of local people will gather here, demonstrating cloth weaving and selling cloth products such as Pha Sin, Pha Sin Tin Chok, bags, and pillows. The centre opens daily at 8.30 a.m.– 5.00 p.m.

Pha Khao Ma or Loincloth *(ผ้าขาวม้า)* Visitors can buy Pha Khao Ma Khon Yuan, which is famous for its beautiful colour and the popular pattern among the Thai-Yuan, at Tambon Khu Bua. Or else, buy the Pha Khao Ma Ban Rai, which is made of good quality cotton with a checked pattern, at any shop. Although it is now produced by machine, its quality remains.

Khaen Lai and Khlui *(แคนลายและขลุ่ย)* are handmade musical instruments of local people living near the front of Wat Khae Sai, at Mu 13, Tambon Khu Bua, Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi. They have made them for a long time, and there are many beautiful patterns and styles. For further details, please call Tel. 0 3235 2715.

Brassware *(เครื่องทองเหลือง)* such as accessories, ornaments, and cow bells. Please contact Ban Khao Loi Mun Kho, at Mu 7, Tambon Don Tako, Amphoe Mueang, which is about 7 kilometres. from the provincial city. To visit and buy products, please contact the Brassware Product Career Development Group, Khao Loi Mun Kho.

Products of Lathed-wood and "Khaen" Reed Mouth Organs *(ผลิตภัณฑ์ไม้กลึงและแคน)* are available at Ban Khae Sai, Mu 12, Tambon Khu Bua. Coconut-wood mortars and Khaen, a kind of local woodwind instruments of the Northeast, are for sale at Mr. Wirot's house every day from 8.00 a.m.–6.00 p.m., or call Tel. 0 3235 2694.

Topiary and Bonsai *(ตะโกดัดและไม้แคระ)* can be found in roadside plant shops on the route Khao Ngu-Boek Phrai, at Mu 7, Tambon Khao Raeng, Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi. There are a lot of plants for sale and delivery around the country.

Rattan and Vine Products *(ผลิตภัณฑ์หวายและเถาวัลย์ถัก)* 12 Mu 3, Tambon Phong Sawai. There are many kinds of products made from woven rattan and vine; such as, furniture, house decorative items, lighting, lanterns, etc. To visit and buy products, please contact Sukkhi Handicraft at Tel. 0 3231 7449, 08 1763 8317.

Amphoe Bang Phae *(อำเภอบางแพ)*

Pasaya Outlet 60 Mu 10, Phetchakasem Road, Km. 78, Amphoe Bang Phae. It provides products and furniture under the name Pasaya; such as, curtains, table, chair, sofa, pillow, bed sheet, and bed cover in different styles. It is open daily at 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. For further details, please call Tel. 0 3234 0401-3 ext. 678, 0 3235 1870.

Amphoe Photharam *(อำเภอโพธาราม)*

Dairy Products *(ผลิตภัณฑ์นมสด)* Ratchaburi has been famous for producing fresh milk for a long time. This business is operated by the Ratchaburi Nong Pho Dairy Cooperative, Ltd. (under Royal Patronage). It is located on the side of Phetchakasem Road, Km.75-76, Tambon Nong Pho, Amphoe Photharam, about 80 km. from Bangkok before

getting to the city of Ratchaburi. It is good quality fresh milk at lower prices. We can buy their products at any shop and at the distribution centre of the cooperative, on the Phetchakasem roadside, Tambon Nong Pho, Amphoe Photharam. The telephone number is 0 3238 9038-9, 0 3238 9089.

Fruits and Vegetables *(ผลไม้และผัก)* such as sweet-salty preserved radish is produced at Mu. 2, Tambon Chet Samian, Amphoe Photharam and is sold at any shop such as Mae Huai Shop (Shell Chuan Chim). We can buy Damnoen Saduak sweet grape in the provincial city and at the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Besides, Wat Phleng's mango of Nang Klang Wan species has a good taste, especially those from "Rai Thong Sam Si" at Mu 8, Tambon Wat Phleng, Amphoe Wat Phleng.

Cloth Dolls *(ตุ๊กตาผ้า)* One of the well-known sources of production of handmade cloth dolls is located in Tambon Don Khlang, Amphoe Damnoen Saduak. Those dolls are made in the form of animals, vegetables and fruits. Cloth doll shops are along Highway 4, around Km. 85-87.

Kapok Mattress *(ที่นอนนุ่น)* produced at Amphoe Photharam such as Thinon Jarupan, at Mu 3, Tambon Khananukun, on Phetchakasem Road, or at Mu 3, Tambon Ban Lueak, or at Supon Factory at Mu 2, Tambon Ban Lueak.

Tamarind Wood Chopping Block and Dolls *(เขียงไม้มะขามและตุ๊กตา)* The production and distribution source is at 4 Mu 10, Tambon Ban Sing, Amphoe Photharam, on Phetchakasem roadside, about 16 kilometres. from the town and at Tambon Don Sang, Amphoe Damnoen Saduak.

Amphoe Ban Pong *(อำเภอบ้านโป่ง)*

Plastic Rattan Product *(ผลิตภัณฑ์หวายพลาสติก)* is produced from plastic instead of natural material, which is durable and beautiful. Visitors can see the demonstration of the production process and buy products at the Ratchaburi Wickerwork Handicraft Centre in Amphoe Ban Pong. The telephone number is 0 3229 9028, 0 3229 9198.

Amphoe Ban Kha *(อำเภอบ้านคา)*

Karen Shoulder Bag *(ย่ามกะเหรี่ยง)* is a handmade product which Thai-Tanao Si people weave by themselves and sell at Mu 1, Tambon Ban Bueng, Amphoe Ban Kha.

Amphoe Suan Phueng *(อำเภอสวนผึ้ง)*

Landa Orchid Garden *(สวนกล้วยไม้ลันดา ออร์คิด)* is located in Ban Huai Phak, Tambon Suan Phueng, next to Namtok Kao Chon. Cut flowers here are for sale. Visitors can buy a small orchid to grow at home. It opens daily from 8.30 a.m.-5.00 p.m. For more information, call Tel. 08 1192 9784, 08 1736 0171, 08 1178 8094.

Suan Phueng Orchid *(สวนผึ้ง ออร์คิด)* 313/2 Mu 3, Tambon Suan Phueng, with an area of 6 rai (9,600 square metres); products: orchids, both plants and cut flowers, in various species; such as, Vanda, Ascocenda, Vanda coelurea, etc. It is open daily at 6.30 a.m.-6.00 p.m., Tel. 0 3271 1230, 08 7915 0699, 08 9016 9393, 08 4909 4830.

Rolled Banana *(กล้วยม้วน)* is second to none in tasty flavour. It is for sale at the Mae Thim Kluai Muan factory in Amphoe Suan Phueng. Other than banana, there are products of taro and yam coated with honey.

Scented Candles *(เทียนหอม)* Ban Hom Thian, Km. 33 on the Chom Bueng - Suan Phueng route; products: scented candles with various beautiful decorations and designs, Tel. 08 5845 7379.

Interesting Activities

Cruising along King Rama V's Route *(ล่องเรือตามรอยเสด็จพระพุทธเจ้าหลวง)* In the past, when this canal had just been dug, King Rama V would like to know the real ways of life of his people, so he traveled alone by Mat Kasuai boat. The route he took was one important way in history which represented his royal benevolence towards his people's lives. Therefore, there are many things to learn while we travel along this route. The route starts at Khlong Damnoen Saduak Pier, passing grape orchards. Visit to taste coconut juice before arriving at a mixed agricultural farm to see old typical Thai houses on the riverside. Taste fresh coconut palm sap to decrease thirst and try boat noodles of the recipe owned by the winner of the Damnoen Saduak Prize. Pass the front of Wat Choti Thayakaram and Ban Chek Huat, where King Rama V used to visit as a commoner and had lunch. Pass Lat Phi Market and turn to the middle of Damnoen Saduak Floating Market again. For more details, please call Tel. 0 3224 1023 or 08 9819 4383.

Driving Route *(เส้นทางขับรถเที่ยว)* If you drive your own car, it is suggested that you take the beautiful route from Phetchakasem Road, passing Amphoe Ban Kha and arriving at Amphoe Suan Phueng. Or else, you can take the route Amphoe Pak Tho Intersection (Highway 3206) to Ban Pong Krathing (Highway 3313) before getting to Amphoe Ban Kha and Amphoe Suan Phueng. However, you can take the route Huai Chinnasi, opposite to the entrance of Tambon Khu Bua (Highway 3337). This route passes Ban Thung Luang and meets the first route at Ban Pong Krathing; then, it leads to King Amphoe Ban Kha and Amphoe Suan Phueng, too. It is one of very wonderful routes in Ratchaburi which passes through the forest.

Homestay: For visitors who love learning the ways of people's lives along the riverside, Ratchaburi provides homestays where you can see how people live along both sides of a canal. Visit many important monuments such as Wat Charoen Sukharam Worawihan, the house

where King Rama V visited when he passed Khlong Damnoen Saduak. At night, row a boat along the Mae Klong River and see fire-flies. For a group of 6-8 tourists, a package tour of 2 days and one night costs 900-1,000 Baht per person. For more details, please contact Thai Lifestyle Tour at Tel. 0 2249 3358, 0 2240 1955, 0 2249 3196 E-mail: thailifestyle@hotmail.com.

Ban Rai Sai Ngam *(บ้านไร่ไทรงาม)* is located at 61 Mu 4, Tambon Tanaosi. There are 4 houses. A house for 4 people is 1,000 Baht. A house for 10 people is 1,500 Baht. A tent for rent for 2 people is 300 Baht. Visitors who bring their own tents pay for a tent site of 60 Baht per person. Cooking is permitted. A service of whitewater rafting costs 150 Baht per person. A bicycle is also available for rent, and a drawing lesson can be taken. For more information, call Tel. 08 1383 0864.

Piyachanok Thai Wisdom Learning Centre *(ศูนย์เรียนรู้ภูมิปัญญาไทย ปิยะชนก)* is located in the areas covering the village of Mu 5, Tambon Don Kha in Amphoe Bang Khae, Ratchaburi, and the village of Mu 9, Tambon Don Yai Hom in Amphoe Mueang Nakhon Pathom, Nakhon Pathom. It is a source of study and observation on Thai ways of life and wisdom, how to make ancient Thai perfume, such as Nam Op and Kamyan-incense, etc. Products are available for sale. Tourism activities are provided by the centre. A two-day one-night homestay tour is a choice for visitors. For further details, call Tel. 0 3438 8207, 08 1858 3754, 08 9836 5076 or www.piyachanok.com.

Adventure The Khao Ngu Stone Park offers adventurous activities on its area, such as abseiling, flying fox, rope bridge, and rock climbing. For more information, contact the Khao Ngu Adventure Park at Tel. 0 2211 5035, or www.proclimberthailand.com.

Examples of Tour Programmes

2 Days / 1 Night (Damnoen Saduak–Photharam-Chom Bueng-Suan Phueng)

Day 1

- Visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market.
- See a demonstration of a Nang Yai shadow show (only on Saturdays).
- Visit Wat Muang Folk Museum.
- Buy Ban Sing Cloth Dolls.
- Have lunch on the Mae Klong riverside or in town.
- Visit to see Thai-Yuan's Pha Sin Tin Chok.
- Go to Suan Phueng and visit Tham Khao Bin.
- Try mineral bathing at Than Namron Bo Khlueng.

- Go to the accommodation in Amphoe Suan Phueng.

Day 2

- Visit Usawadi Rose Garden.
- Visit Phawothai Local Museum.
- See Dvaravati Buddha images at Khao Ngu.
- Pay respect to Kuan Im image at Wat Nong Hoi.
- Wait to see a large flock of bats flying out of the cave, across the sky at Wat Khao Chong Phran.
- Go back to Bangkok.

One-day Trip (Damnoen Saduak-Mueang Ratchaburi-Chom Bueng-Photharam)

- Visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market.
- Visit Ratchaburi National Museum.
- See and buy Pha Sin Tin Chok or Khlui or Khaen at Don Rae.
- Visit Tham Chomphon, Tham Khao Bin and the botanical garden at Khao Prathap Chang.
- Visit to buy Ban Sing Cloth Dolls.
- Wait to see a flock of bats at Wat Khao Chong Phran before travelling back.

One-day Trip (Damnoen Saduak-Suan Phueng-Chom Bueng-Photharam)

- Visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market.
- Go to Suan Phueng and try mineral bathing at Than Namron Bo Khlueng.
- Visit Phawothai Local Museum and Pong Yup.
- Visit Tham Chomphon and Tham Khao Bin.
- Wait to see a flock of bats at Wat Khao Chong Phran before going back.

Travel Tips

* Find information about the tourist attractions; for example, history of monuments.
* Study the seasons of nature; for example, flowers, migrating birds or the right period to take a trip.
* Help to protect tourism resources; both natural and cultural sites.
* Do not behave against local people's traditions.
* Be careful and aware of safety.
* Follow the officials' suggestions strictly.

Facilities in Ratchaburi

Accommodations

Note: The rooms rates mentioned in this brochure may be changed without notice. Please ask for current information from each hotel before making reservation.

Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi *(อำเภอเมืองราชบุรี)*

Araya *(อารยะ)* 187/1-12 Kai Phet Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 7781-2 Fax. 0 3233 7782, 73 rooms: 250-500 baht

Burachat Camping *(ค่ายบุรฉัตร)* Tel: 0 3237 3499, 0 3231 9019 Fax: 0 3239 1604, 76 rooms: 500-2,000 baht

Friend Motel *(เฟรน โมเต็ล)* 59 Mu 5 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khok Mo Tel: 0 3232 1221, 0 3232 6848 Fax. 0 3232 6849, 40 rooms: 170-380 baht

Golden City *(โกลเด้น ซิตี้)* (4 Kilometres from Amphoe Mueang) 76/1 Mu 5 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khok Mo Tel: 0 3231 7140-2 Fax. 0 3231 7140-2 www.goldencity-hotel.com, 216 rooms: 650-3,500 baht

Hong Fa *(หงษ์ฟ้า)* 89/17 Ratsadon Yindi Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 7484, 30 rooms: 170-230 baht

House 78 *(เฮ้าส์ 78)* 137 Mu 1 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Ang Thong Tel: 0 3233 8095, 0 3232 1078, 23 rooms: 250-350 baht

Keng Residence *(เค็ง เรสซิเดนส์)* 54 Rat Dam Ri Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 2711-4, 20 rooms, 450 baht

Kritsana Hotel *(กฤษณะ โฮเต็ล)* 118 Khathathon Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 7262, 25 rooms: 150-450 baht

Krua Luang Resort & Restaurant *(ครัวหลวง รีสอร์ท แอนด์ เรสเตอร์รอง)* 59 Mu 5 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khok Mo Tel: 0 3232 1221, 0 3232 6848-9 Fax. 0 3232 6849 www.krualuang.com, 40 houses 600 baht

Kuang Hua *(กวงฮั้ว)* 200-202 Ammarin Road, Tel: 0 3233 7119, 20 rooms: 150 baht

Namsin Ratchaburi *(น้ำสิน ราชบุรี)* 2-16 Krai Phet Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 7551, 0 3233 7634 Fax. 0 3233 7633, 76 rooms: 250-1,500 baht

Phraeo Apha Place *(แพรวอาภาเพลส)* 99/1 Sombunkul Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3232 1716, 0 3232 1754, 60 rooms: 600-1,200 baht

Ratchaburi Di 1 *(ราชบุรีดี 1)* 43/1 Udom Siri Road , Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 8542, 0 3233 8302 Fax. 0 3233 8542, 15 rooms: 260-550 baht

Royal Ratchaburi Resort *(รอยัล ราชบุรี รีสอร์ท)* 144 Mu 5 Tambon Khao Raeng Tel: 0 3271 1014-5, 52 rooms: 1,600 baht

Sala Thai *(ศาลาไทย)* 65/8 Khathathon Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 7172, 0 3233 7448, 44 rooms: 200-600 baht

Vasanadee Resort *(วาสนาดี รีสอร์ท)* 99/9 Mu 5 Tambon Chedi Hak Tel: 08 1944 1617 , 08 9199 3113 www.vasanadee.com, 15 houses: 1,500-2,500 baht

Westerm Grand Hotel *(เวสเทิร์น แกรนด์ โฮเต็ล)* 105/1 Phetkasem Sai Kao Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3231 3888, 0 3233 7777 www.westerngrandhotel.com, 75 rooms: 1,000-2,900 baht

Guesthouse

Guesthouse Ratchaburi *(เกสต์เฮาส์ ราชบุรี)* 8/1 Mu 9 Phetchaburi Road, Tambon Dontako Tel: 0 3231 9916 or www.guesthouse.ratburi.com, 18 room: 700 baht

Homestay *(โฮมเสตย์)*

Ruen Ya Homestay *(เรือนย่าโฮมเสตย์)* 99 Mu 3 Soi Thetsaban Khao Ngu, Tambon Ko Plap Pla Tel: 0 3231 2938, 08 4333 6019, 08 1302 0583 www.siamlocalnews.com/ruenya, 4 rooms: 200-500 baht

Amphoe Pak Tho *(อำเภอปากท่อ)*

Dragon Hill Golf & Country Club *(ดรากอน ฮิลล์ กอล์ฟ แอนด์ คันทรี คลับ)* 192 Mu 2 Tambon Ang Hin Tel: 0 3222 9122, 50 rooms and 15 houses: 1,000 baht

Amphoe Wat Phleng *(อำเภอวัดเพลง)*

Ban Suan Som Thip Resort and Spa *(บ้านสวนส้มทิพย์รีสอร์ทแอนด์สปา)* 67 Mu 6 Tambon Wat Phleng Tel: 08 5292 3918, 08 9924 1141, 08 3558 1214, 20 houses: 1,800–5,500 baht

Amphoe Damnoen Saduak *(อำเภอดำเนินสะดวก)*

Ban Suk Chok Resort *(บ้านสุขโชค รีสอร์ท)* 103 Mu 5 Tambon Tha Nat Tel: 0 3225 4301, 0 3225 4982 Fax. 0 3225 4301, 40 rooms: 150-1,000 baht (Rental boats to Damnoen Saduak Floating Market is available)

Ban Thai Damnoen Resort *(บ้านไทยดำเนิน รีสอร์ท)* 29 Mu 6 Bang Pae-Mae Klong Road, Tambon Ta Luang Tel: 08 1713 3320, 08 9996 0899 www.baanthaidamnoen.com, 4 houses: 1,500-2,500 baht (Thai Massage, Bike Birdwatching)

Nok Noi *(นกน้อย)* 1 Mu 8 Tambon Damnoen Saduak Tel: 0 3225 4382 www.noknoihotel.com, 20 rooms: 220-350 baht

Lake Point Sport Club *(เลค พอย์ท สปอร์ต คลับ)* 133 Mu 10 Tambon Phaeng Phuai Tel: 0 3236 5500-1 Fax .0 3236 5444 Bangkok Tel: 0 2212 8777-8 Fax. 0 2212 5437 www.lakepointsportclub.com, 21 houses: 1,000 baht

Homestay *(โฮมเสตย์)*

P. Homestay *(พี โฮมเสตย์)* 108 Mu 9 Tambon Damnoen Saduak Tel: 0 3224 1032, 08 5844 4654, 4 rooms: 250-1,000 baht (Rental boats are available at Damnoen Saduak Floating Market)

Thai Lifestyle Tour *(ไทยไลฟสไตล์ ทัวร์)* Tel: 0 2249 3358, 0 2240 1955, 0 2249 3196, E-mail: thailifestyle@hotmail.com, 8 houses: Package tour: 2 day/1 night 900-1,000 baht/person

Amphoe Ban Pong *(อำเภอบ้านโป่ง)*

Auttaros Garden Resort *(อรรถรส การ์เด้น รีสอร์ท)* 11 Mu 6 Bang Phang-Lat Bua Khao Road, Tambon Boek Phrai Tel: 0 3234 3587, 08 6034 1850, 08 9811 8911 Bangkok Tel: 0 2541 6577, 08 6886 3086 http://auttarosgadent.blogspot.com, 25 rooms: 500-1,200 baht

Ban Pong Inn *(บ้านโป่ง อินน์)* 21 Ban Pak Raet Road, Tambon Ban Pong Tel: 0 3234 4041-3 Fax. 0 3222 1973, 33 rooms: 450-500 baht

Cesar Palace *(ซีซ่าร์ พาเลส)* 9/1 Mu 6 Tambon Pak Raet Tel: 0 3220 0052-3, 50 rooms: 300-450 baht

Kasemsuk *(เกษมสุข)* 2/98 Saeng Chuto Road, Tambon Ban Pong Tel: 0 3221 1384, 0 3222 1027 Fax: 0 3222 1027, 67 rooms: 240-500 baht

Lucky *(ลักกี้)* 2/3 Mu 11 Song Phon Road, Tambon Nong-O Tel: 0 3221 1227, 20 rooms: 300-450 baht

Sri Sawat *(ศรีสวัสดิ์)* 98-100 Kachang Wattana Road, Tel: 03221 1027, 12 rooms: 120 baht

Thainam Hotel *(ไทยนำ โฮเต็ล)* 19/50/19 Mu 4 Saeng Chuto Road, Tambon Pak Raet, Tel: 0 3220 0155, 0 3221 1947-8 Fax. 0 3222 1154, 71 rooms: 600-2,000 baht (Thai massage & Rental boats to Damnoen Saduak Floating Market are available)

Thainam Riverside *(ไทยนำ ริเวอร์ไซด์)* 19/50 Mu 4 Saeng Chuto Road, Tambon Pak Raet Tel:, 0 3221 1947-8, 0 3220 0155 Fax. 0 3222 1154), 71 rooms: 500-2,000 baht (Rental boats to Damnoen Saduak Floating Market are available)

Thip Hotel *(ทิพย์ โฮเต็ล)* 105 Soi Kachang Wattana , 18 rooms: 120-180 baht

Villa Hotel *(วิลล่า โฮเต็ล)* 30/2 Saeng Chuto Road, Tambon Tha Pha Tel: 0 3222 1312, 0 3221 1964, 55 rooms: 250-700 baht

Amphoe Photharam *(อำเภอโพธาราม)*

Sansuk Hotel *(แสนสุข โฮเต็ล)* 33 Soi Rat Pracha, Chokchai Road, Tambon Photharam Tel: 0 3223 1033, Fax. 0 3226 1217, 20 rooms: 180-450 baht

Suan Sin Ban Din *(สวนศิลป์บ้านดิน)* 90 Mu 5 Tambon Chet Samien Tel: 0 3239 7668, 08 1831 7041, Bangkok Tel: 0 2412 7278-8 Fax. 0 3239 7669 www.patravaditheatre.com, 27 rooms: 650-1,850 baht

Amphoe Chom Bueng *(อำเภอจอมบึง)*

Chom Bueng Inn & Resort 124/7 Mu 1 Tambon Chom Bueng, Tel: 0 3226 1135, 0 3226 1158, 21 rooms: 350-500 baht

Chompon Palace (In Muban Chombueng Rajabhat University) *(จอมพลพาเลซ ในมหาวิทยาลัยราชภัฏหมู่บ้านจอมบึง)* 46 Mu 3 Tambon Chom Bueng Tel: 0 3236 2087 www.mcru.ac.th 28 rooms: 500-700 baht (Thai massage)

Wusung Castle Hill *(วูซุง แคสเซิล ฮิลล์)* 79 Mu 12 Pak Bueng-Nong Kwang Road, Tambon Chom Bueng Tel: 0 3222 8069-70, 08 1917 8794 Fax. 0 3222 8063-4, 75 rooms: 900-2,000 baht (Thai massage Spa)

Amphoe Suan Phueng *(อำเภอสวนผึ้ง)*

Aulong Resort *(อู่หลง รีสอร์ท)* 82/2 Mu 3 Tambon Tha Khoei, Tel: 0 3236 4224, 08 1378 6896, 08 1856 7827 www.aulongresort.com, 50 rooms: 800-2,500 baht (Trekking, Visit to Khao Krachom)

Apha Kon Mountain View *(อาภากร เมาน์เทน วิว)* Tel: 08 1449 4585, 08 1910 5742, 5 houses: 1,500-6,500 baht

Ban Chom Doi *(บ้านชมดอย)* 172 Mu 7 (Near Bo Khlueng Hot Stream) Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3271 1077 Bangkok Tel: 08 1984 3475, 08 4098 2226, 9 houses: 300-700 baht

Ban Fah Sai *(บ้านฟ้าใส)* (Near Huay Nam Sai Waterfall) 156 Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1378 7727, 08 1909 5684, 6 houses: 2,000-7,000 baht

Ban Hong Hoen *(บ้านสวนหงษ์เหิร)* 9/9 Mu 7 Ban Huai Phak, Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 9836 0278, 08 6688 5359, 5 houses: 2-10 persons: 1,200-2,500 baht, 8 rooms/3 persons: 1,000 baht, Tent for rent/2 persons: 200 baht (Mountain Biking, Kayak)

Ban Huai Nam Sai *(บ้านห้วยน้ำใส)* 173 Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng, 900-2,000 baht

Ban Khiang Phu *(บ้านเคียงภู)* 429 Mu 8 Tambon Tako Lang, Tel: 08 7900 5452, 08 4708 0531, 5 houses: 800-3,500 baht, 2-4 person/ tent: 1,000 baht

Ban Mai Phai *(บ้านไม้ไผ่)* 156 Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1909 5684, 6 houses: 2,000-5,000 baht

Ban Rai Rim tharn *(บ้านไร่ริมธาร)* 44 Mu 3 Ban Huai Nam Sai, Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 71197 5521, 08 6688 6470, 10 houses: 600-5,500 baht

Baan Rim Kao *(บ้านริมเขา)* 55/1 Mu 7 Ban Thakula, Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3271 1089, 08 1924 2831, 08 9114 1789, 08 1658 1570 Bangkok Tel: 0 2880 8520-9 Fax: 0 2880 8232 www.baanrimkao.com, 15 houses: 2,000-7,000 baht

Baan Aom Kod Kun Kao *(บ้านอ้อมกอดขุนเขา)* 47/2 Mu 2 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3271 1266, 08 4751 2323, 08 1844 2323 Fax: 0 3271 1255 Bangkok Tel: 0 2881 8267, 0 2881 9640 Fax: 0 2881 7860-2 www.baanaomkodkunkao.com, 14 houses: 2,000-7,000 baht

Baan Hom Thian *(บ้านหอมเทียน)* from Suan Phueng 3 kilometres, Tel: 08 1841 1895, 08 5845 7379, 7 houses: 1,200-2,400 baht

Ban Suan Darat *(บ้านสวนดารัตน์)* 149 Mu 2 Tambon Ban Thung Faek, Tel: 0 3271 1007, 08 7158 3708, 08 1017 5722 or www.bandarat.com, 7 houses(2-16persons): 1,500-4,500 baht, 500 baht/2persons/tent (Whitewater Rafting along the Mae Nam Phachi River)

Ban Suan Hong Hoen *(บ้านสวนหงส์เหิร)* 9/9 Mu 7 Ban Huai Phak Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 6688 5359, 08 9836 0278, 7 houses(2-10 persons): 1,200-4,000 baht

Ban Suan John *(บ้านสวนยอห์น)* 379 Mu 8 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1763 6670, 08 1847 3433, 5 houses/4-8 persons: 900-2,500 baht

Ban Suan Plam *(บ้านสวนปาล์ม)* 384 Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1866 4615, 08 9813 5949, 7 houses/2-10 persons: 800-3,000 baht (Mountain Biking)

Bo Khlueng Hot Spring *(บ่อคลึง ฮอทสปริง)* 27 Mu 7 Bo Khlueng-Suan Phueng (15 Kilometres from Amphoe Suan Phueng) Tel: 0 3271 1086, 6 houses/10-20 persons: 1,500-4,000 baht, 250 baht/tent/2 persons, 1,100 baht/tent/8 persons

Bua Watthana Hill Sight Resort *(บัววัฒนา ฮิลไซด์ รีสอร์ท)* 142 Mu 7 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3239 5083, 08 5700 0575, 08 5446 6322, 14 rooms: 900-2,500 baht, 2 rooms/25 persons: 2,500 baht, 500 baht/tent

Duean Lom Country Home *(เดือนล้อม คันทรีโฮม)* 111/1 Mu 11 Tambon Chat Pawai Tel: 0 3236 4111, 08 1944 0563 Fax: 0 3236 4222, 7 houses/2-30 persons: 1,300-9,000 baht

Family Junior *(แฟมิลี่ จูเนียร์)* 14/3-5 Mu 7 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 0660 7614 Bangkok Tel: 0 2935 9996-7, 5 houses: 2,000-5,000 baht

Jasmin Resort *(จัสมิน รีสอร์ท)* 126 Mu 2 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3239 5223, 08 5265 6897, 12 houses: 1,500-5,000 baht

J W Than Nam Ron Boe Klueng *(เจ ดับบลิว ธารน้ำร้อนบ่อคลึง รีสอร์ท)* 247 Mu 7 Tel: 08 5219 9224, 08 1890 3225 www.jwboeklueng.com, 22 rooms: 2,000-8,000 baht

Khao Krajome Homestay *(เขากระโจม โฮมสเตย์)* Tel: 08 1135 2299, 08 1308 3444, 08 9206 1235, 7 houses: 800–1,000 baht, Tent 350–500 baht .

Khrua Tanao Si Project *(โครงการครัวตะนาวศรี)* 173 Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1378 7727, 08 7158 7067, 4 houses: 2,000-7,000 baht

La Toscana *(ลา ทอสคาน่า)* Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 3239 9666, 08 4456 2008, 19 rooms: 4,000–6,000 baht

Landa Orchid *(ลันดา ออร์คิด)* 184 Mu 7 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1192 9784, 08 1736 0171 www.lundaorchid.com, 5 rooms: 1,200-3,500 baht

Mark Land *(มาร์คแลนด์)* 1 Mu 5 Tambon Pa Wai Tel: 08 1847 5695, 08 1857 2060, 7 rooms:1,000-1,200 baht

Mon Le Ville *(ม็องละวิน)* 158 Mu 8 Tambon Tako Lang Tel: 08 1833 6251, 08 1906 4097 http://monlville.multiply.com, 6 houses: 900-2,700 baht

Numsuk Resort *(นำสุข รีสอร์ท)* Tambon Tha Khoei Tel: 08 1938 5750, 4 rooms: 1,500-2,000 baht

Panalee Home and Camping *(พนาลี โฮม แอนด์ แคมป์ปิ้ง)* Mu 7 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 9110 0226 www.panalee.com , 8 houses: 2,000–6,000 baht

Pear Dao Resort *(แพรดาว รีสอร์ท)* 111/1 Mu 10 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 4146 9311 Fax: 0 2924 3258 www.peardaoresort.com, 10 houses: 1,500–1,900 baht

Phawothai *(ภโวทัย)* (In Phawothai Local Museum) 94 Mu 1 Suan Pa Sirikit - Suan Phueng Road, Tambon Tanaosri Tel: 0 3239 5192-4, Ban Pong Office in Ban Pong City, Monday-Friday Tel: 0 3222 1189, 0 3234 2053, 08 1255 4547, 08 6171 8400 Fax. 0 3234 2053, Saturday-Sunday Tel: 0 3239 5192-4, 12 rooms: 500 baht, 11 houses: 1,200-5,000 baht

Phu Pa Phueng Resort *(ภูผาผึ้ง รีสอร์ท)* 112 Mu 2 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1409 9600 Fax: 0 2331 3144, 8 rooms: 1,700 baht, 8 houses: 1,050-4,500 baht

Rai Chakkraphat *(ไร่จักรพรรดิ์)* 336 Mu 8 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3271 1021, 08 1996 5525, 8 houses: 500-1,500 baht

Rai Prai Fa *(ไร่ปลายฟ้า)* Chom Bueng-Suan Phueng Road, Tambon Tha Khoei, Bangkok Tel: 0 2681 3969, 0 2681 3531, 08 9001 7379, 08 6884 2285, 2 houses(4 persons): 2,000 baht, 1 houses: (10 persons): 6,000 baht

Rai Sang Tawan *(ไร่แสงตะวัน)* Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 6031 1368, 5 houses: 2,500 baht

Rai Usawadee *(ไร่อุษาวดี)* 24 Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3271 1062, 08 1016 5004, 08 1903 6554 www.usawadee.com, 9 houses: 1,200-5,000 baht, 24 rooms: 800-1,200 baht

Sub Kana Resort *(ทรัพย์คณา รีสอร์ท)* 62/3 Mu 4 Ban Na Khun Saen Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3239 5045, 0 3239 5360, 08 9826 4680, 08 3974 5552 Bangkok Tel: 0 2862 2224 Fax. 0 2862 2223 www.subkana.com, 23 houses/2-10 persons: 2,000-6,500 baht (Kayak boat 200 baht/person (Whitewater Rafting along the Mae Nam Phachi River)

Samran Resort *(สำราญ รีสอร์ท)* 14 Mu 1 Tambon Tha Khoei Tel: 08 1736 5029, 5 houses, 8 rooms: 800-1,000 baht

Suan Phueng Land *(สวนผึ้งแลนด์)* 107/2 Mu 5 Tambon Ban Kha Tel: 0 3222 8510, 08 1211 2689, 08 3916 3030, 22 rooms: 900 baht

The Camp Boutique Resort *(เดอะ แคมป์ บูติค รีสอร์ท)* 212 Mu 2 Tel: 0 3271 1274, 08 3059 9009, 08 6336 3781, 08 4559 0551 Bangkok Tel: 0 2617 6188 Fax: 0 2617 6362 www.thecampresort.com, 9 houses: 1,850 - 7,500 baht

The Nagaya Resort *(เดอะ นากายา รีสอร์ท)* 234/5 Mu 7 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 0 3272 6222, 08 7006 0006 www.nagayaresort.com, 7 rooms: 1,600-5,000 baht (Mountain Biking, Kayaking)

The Ozone @ Huai Nam Sai *(เดอะ โอโซน แอท ห้วยน้ำใส)* Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 9519 1768, 6 houses: 1,500– 3,000 baht

The Scenery Resort *(เดอะ ซีนเนอรี่ รีสอร์ท)* 234 Mu 7 Mu Ban Huai Phak, Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1000 7070 Bangkok Tel: 0 2886 4013 Fax: 0 2886 4096 www.sceneryresort.com, 7 houses/2-6 persons: 3,500-7,000 baht (Service Kayak 300 baht/person)

Yada Resort *(ยาดา รีสอร์ท)* 339 Mu 1 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 1911 5059, 08 9836 3910, 16 houses(2-5 persons): 300-5,000 baht, 30 rooms: 350-2,000 baht (Mountain Biking)

Homestay *(โฮมเสตย์)*

Ban Rai Sai Ngam *(บ้านไร่ไทรงาม)* 61 Mu 4 Tambon Tanao Sri, Tel: 08 1383 0864, 4 houses(4-10 persons): 600-1,800 baht (Whitewater Rafting along the Phachi River, Mountain Biking, Trekking)

Amphoe Ban Kha *(อำเภอบ้านคา)*

NK Resort *(เอ็นเค รีสอร์ท)* 82/2 Mu 1 Chat Pa Wai-Pong Nam Ron Road, Tambon Nong Phan Chan, Tel: 08 1856 7827, 08 4642 3797, 27 houses: 600-2,500 baht (Fishing)

Suan Nang Paya Hill Resort *(สวนนางพญา ฮิลล์ รีสอร์ท)* 102/1 Mu 6 Tambon Nong Phan Chan (22 Km from Amphoe Chom Bueng), Tel: 0 3239 4104, 08 1384 8150, 08 4712 3487, 08 1384 8150, Bangkok Tel: 0 2578 1301 www.suannangpaya.com, 33 rooms: 700-1,300 baht, 8 houses: 1,500-4,900 baht

Restaurants

Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi *(อำเภอเมืองราชบุรี)*

A-han Thai Ratchaburi *(อาหารไทยราชบุรี)* 142 Tambon Na Mueang Khathathon Road, Tel: 0 3233 7259, (Thai Food open: 11.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m.)

Ban Khun Ying *(บ้านคุณหญิง)* Sombunkun Road.

Ban Mai Chay Kha *(บ้านไม้ชายคา)* 252/1 Mu 3 Don Ta Kho Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3231 4196, (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.30 a.m.-10.30 p.m.)

Chan Phen *(จันทร์เพ็ญ)* 241/32 Ratsadon Yindi Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3233 7138, 0 3233 7775, Fax. 0 3233 7138, (Chinese Food, Sea Food, Thai Food open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m.)

Chao Nai *(เจ้านาย)* (Near Ratchaburi Railway Station)142 Khatha Thon Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3231 5959, 08 1421 7999, 08 0617 0999 (Thai Food open 11.00 a.m.–10.00 p.m.)

Cowboy Café *(คาวบอยคาเฟ่)* Phetkasem Road Km.108 Tel: 08 1931 9162 (European Food open 10.00 a.m.–10.00 p.m.)

Huat Khao Man Khai *(ฮวดข้าวมันไก่)* (In Front of Ratchaburi-Bagkok Bus Station) Kai Phet Road

Huai Sanambin *(หัวสนามบิน)* 86/2 Ratchaburi-Chom Bueng Road (Opposite to Burachat Golf Course) Tel: 0 3231 3701, 08 6082 8257 (Thai Food open everyday: 9.00 a.m.–10.00 p.m.)

Je On *(เจ๊ออน คูบัว)* 59 Mu 5 Tambon Khu Bua Tel: 0 3232 5847, 08 1007 6963, 08 7925 7674 (closed on the 5th and 20th except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays)

Kaeo *(แก้ว)* 89–90 Tambon Khung Krathin Tel: 0 3237 7365–6 (Thai Food Open 10.00 a.m.– 11.00 p.m.)

Kai Yang U Reua *(ไก่ย่างอู่เรือ)* 77/1 Ratchaburi-Wat Phleng Road, Tambon Ban Rai Tel: 08 1382 9002 (North Food open 9.00 a.m.– 7.00 p.m.)

Kam Cheng *(กำเช้ง)* (Near Ratchaburi Police Station)11 Niyom Thatsana Road Tel: 0 3232 2278 (Noodles open 9.30 a.m.–3.30 p.m.)

Kan Wera Pub & Restaurant *(กาลเวลา)* 121 Montri Suriyawong Road, Tambon Ban Rai Tel: 0 3233 8047, 08 1426 2631 (Thai Food open 6.00 p.m.–1.00 a.m.)

Keson Kai Yang *(เกษรไก่ย่าง)* 20 Tambon Hin Kong Tel: 0 3237 3538, 08 1856 9976 (North Eastern Food Open 10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.)

Khrua Luang Resort *(ครัวหลวง รีสอร์ท)* 59 Mu 5 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khok Mo, Tel: 0 3232 1221, 0 3232 6848-9, www.krualuang.com (Thai Food open everyday: 8.30 a.m.-11.00 p.m.)

Khrua Tha Rap *(ครัวท่าราบ)* Mu 1 Tambon Tha Rap Tel: 0 3231 7488 (Thai Food open 11.00 a.m.–9.00 p.m. closed on the 2nd Monday of the month except public holidays)

Ko Sieng *(โกเซี้ยง)* Thao U-Thong Road.
Krok Daeng *(โกรกแดง)* Ratchaburi-Wat Phleng Road at Km.1, Mu 2 Tambon Ban Rai Tel: 0 3231 8070, 08 9919 6055 (Thai Chinese Food open 10.00 a.m.–10.00 p.m.)
Krua Luang *(ครัวหลวง รีสอร์ท)* 59 Mu 5 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khok Mo, Tel : 0 3232 1221, 0 3232 6848-9 Fax: 0 3232 6849 www.krualuang.com (Thai Food open 8.30 a.m.-11.00 p.m.)
Kuaitiao Khai Ratchaburi Branch 1 *(ก๋วยเตี๋ยวไข่ราชบุรี สาขา 1)* 77/5 Khathathon Road, Tambon Na Mueang (Near Phrom Phaet Hospital), Tel: 08 1944 5406 (Noodle, Thai Food, open everyday: 6.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)
Kuaitiao Khai Ratchaburi Branch 2 *(ก๋วยเตี๋ยวไข่ราชบุรี สาขา 2)* 209 (In front of Khao Wang) Phetkasem Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3231 9657, (Noodle, Thai Food, open everyday: 6.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)
Lan Lao *(ล้านเล่า)* 12/4 U-dom Siri Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3231 5015, 08 9117 7797, 08 6313 0456 (Thai Food, open everyday: 11.00 a.m.–11.00 p.m.)
Loet Rot Kuaitiao Khai *(เลิศรส ก๋วยเตี๋ยวไข่)* 295 Phetkasem Road (Khao Kaen Chan Intersection) Tel: 0 3233 8208 (Noodle)
Loi Kaeo *(ลอยแก้ว)* 161/11-15 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3233 7102, (Chinese Food, open everyday: 8.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)
Mai Thai *(ไหมไทย)* 2–4 Kon Thong Road, Tambon Na Mueang Tel: 0 3231 4790 (Thai Food, open Everyday 10.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m.)
Nuea Tom Ban Sing *(เนื้อต้มบ้านสิงห์)* (Near Sun Ratchaburi hospital) Khathathon Road,
Ong Mang Kon *(โอ่งมังกร) (ร้านกาแฟ)* 1/13-14 Krai Phet Road Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3232 2164 (open everyday: 8.00 a.m.- 8.00 p.m.)
Phae Kung *(แพกุ้ง)* 300/1 Montri Suriyawong Road, Ban Rai Soi 13, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3231 8348, (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.- 10.00 p.m.)
Phae Maenam *(แพแม่น้ำ)* (Near Sirilak Bridge Tha Sao Land) Phetkasem Road,
Rachapuek *(ราชพฤกษ์)* (In Western Grand Hotel) 105/1 Phetkasem Sai Kao Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3231 3888, 0 3233 7777 www.westerngrandhotel.com, (Thai, Chinese, European Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m.)
Rao Kan Eng *(เรากันเอง)* (Opposite to Benchamarachuthit School) 51 Montri Suriyawong Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3233 8818, 08 9746 9049 (Thai food, open everyday: 9.00 a.m.–9.00 p.m.)
Ruenrot *(รื่นรส)* 356-8 Ammarin Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3233 7118, (Chinese Food, Seafood, open everyday: 8.30 a.m.- 9.00 p.m.)
Ruean Chai Nam *(เรือนชายน้ำ)* 40/1 Woradet Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3231 8429 (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.–10.00 p.m.)

Ruen Phae *(เรือนแพ)* 121 Mu 1 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khok Mo (Near Sirilak Bridge Tha Sao Land), Tel: 0 3232 1877, (Thai, Chinese Food, Seafood, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)

Saifon *(สายฝน)* 124/6 Montrisuriyawong Road, Tel: 0 3233 7079, 0 3233 8541, (open everyday: 8.00 p.m.-12.00 p.m.)

Sirichai *(ศิริชัย)* 73/9 Khathathon Road, Tambon Na Mueang , Tel: 0 3232 3758, (Thai, Chinese Food, open everyday: 8.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m.)

Station R Pub & Restaurant *(สเตชั่นอาร์)* 71 Mu 10 Liang Mueng Ratchaburi Road, Tel: 0 3235 0500, 08 1995 7755 http://stationr.hi5.com (Thai Food, open everyday: 5.00 p.m.–12.00 p.m.)

U S Steak *(ยูเอส สเต๊ก)* 54 Ratchaburi-Wat Phleng Road Tel: 0 3231 8384, 08 9837 2825 (Steak and American Food open 11.00 a.m.–9.00 p.m. closed on Mondays)

Amphoe Damnoen Saduak *(อำเภอดำเนินสะดวก)*

Khrua Khun Toi *(ครัวคุณต๋อย)* 365 Mu 9 Tambon Damnoensaduak, Tel: 0 3224 6161-3, Bangkok Tel: 0 2249 3196, 0 2249 3383, Fax: 0 2249 3267 (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)

Khwan Damnoen *(ขวัญดำเนิน)* 33 Mu 9 Tambon Damnoensaduak, Tel: 0 3225 4480, (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m.)

Kuaitiao Chao Suan *(ก๋วยเตี๋ยวชาวสวน)* 317/5-6 (Ban Suan Rim Nam Building, opposite to Saithamachan School) Km.20 Tambon Don Kruai, Tel: 0 3225 4105, (open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m.)

Amphoe Bang Phae *(อำเภอบางแพ)*

Khrua Utthayan of Siam Cultural Park *(ครัวอุทยานหุ่นขี้ผึ้งสยาม)* 41/1 Mu 3 Tambon Wang Yen Tel: 0 3238 1401 (Thai Food open Monday-Friday: 9.00 a.m.-4.30 p.m. Saturday –Sunday 8.30-5.00 p.m.)

Amphoe Ban Pong *(อำเภอบ้านโป่ง)*

Ban Pong Bowl *(บ้านโป่งโบวล์)* 59/26 Saeng Chuto Road, Tambon Tha Pha, Tel: 0 3221 1396, 0 3222 1167 (Thai Food, open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m.)

Kafae Ban Din *(กาแฟบ้านดิน)* 22/7 Tambon Nong Oa Tel: 08 1858 2273 (Coffee, open everyday: 8.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m.)

Khrua Mai Mon *(ครัวไม้หมอน)* 111/1 Mu 5 Tambon Nong Oa Tel: 0 3236 8369, 0 3236 8370, 08 6668 5569, 08 6665 0801, 08 7212 6407 (Thai Food, open everyday: 11.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)

Kung Aob Chuchok Yim *(กุ้งอบ ชูชกยิ้ม)* (In Front of Talad Pla Suay Ngam) Tambon Nong-Au, Tel: 0 3234 2370 (Thai Food, open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m.)

Mathurot *(มธุรส)* 30 Mu 3 Saeng Chuto Road, Tambon Tha Pha, Tel: 0 3222 1209, 08 1988 7700, (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)

Nong Mai *(น้องใหม่)* 38 Mu 4 Tambon Nong Kop, (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.-10.30 p.m.)
Phae Maenam *(แพแม่น้ำ)* Saeng Chuto Road, (Thai Food)
Phae Rim Nam *(แพริมน้ำ)* Near the River Mae Klong, Saeng Chuto Road
Phae Sane Chai Nam *(แพเสน่ห์ชายน้ำ)* Khao Ngu-Boek Phrai Road, near Mae Klong River, (Thai Food)
Salapao Che Lek *(ซาลาเปาเจ๊เล็ก)* 46-48 Nien Niyom Road Tel: 0 3221 1245 (open everyday: 6.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m.)
Wan Di *(วันดี)* Khao Ngu-Boek Phrai Road, (Thai Food)

Amphoe Photharam *(อำเภอโพธาราม)*

Bang Lao Wieng *(บ้านลาวเวียง)* 79 Mu 4 Tambon Ban Sing, Tel: 0 3223 1594, (Thai Food, open everyday: 11.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m.)
Che Aon *(เจ๊อ่อน)* 34 Chokchai Road, Tambon Photharam, Tel: 0 3223 1678, (Thai Food, open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-4.30 p.m.)
Hoi Tot Nai Ti *(หอยทอดนายตี๋)* (In front of Photharam Temple)
Khrua Phi Nong *(ครัวพี่น้อง)* (Opposite to Suan Sin Ban Din) Tambon
Chet Samien *(เจ็ดเสมียน)* Tel: 0 3239 7419 (a la carte, Open every day 9.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m.)
Khrua Ton Tan *(ครัวต้นตาล)* 91 Mu 4 Tambon Ban Khong, Tel: 0 3236 6810, (Thai Food, open: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)
Mae Klong Riverside *(แม่กลอง ริเวอร์ไซด์)* 38/3 Mu 5 Tambon Bang Tanod, Tel: 0 3236 9235, 0 3236 9343, www.maeklongriverside.com, (Thai Food, open everyday: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)

Amphoe Chom Bueng *(อำเภอจอมบึง)*

Lom Choi *(ลมโชย)* Ratchaburi-Chom Bueng Road, before arriving Chom Bueng District Office about 5 Kilometres. (Thai Food)
Pang Ngai *(ปั๋งหงาย)* 35 Mu 12 Tambon Chom Bueng, Tel: 0 3226 1289, 08 6020 5978 (Thai Food, open: 5.00 a.m.-10.30 p.m.)

Amphoe Suan Phueng *(อำเภอสวนผึ้ง)*

Ban Hom Thien *(บ้านหอมเทียน)* At Km.33 on Chom Bueng-Suan Phueng Highway, Tambon Suan Phueng, Tel: 08 5845 7379, 08 1841 1895 (Open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m.)
Honey Scene *(ฮันนี่ซีน)* (In front of the Scenery Resort) 234 Mu 7 Tambon Suan Phueng, Tel: 08 0254 3340 Fax: 0 3271 1222 (open everyday: 8.00 a.m.–9.00 p.m.)
Khrua Aueng Phueng *(ครัวเอื้องผึ้ง)* (In Rai Au-sawasdee hotel) Tambon Suan Phueng, (Tel: 0 3271 1062, 08 1016 5004), (Thai Food, open: Monday-Friday 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m., open: Saturday-Sunday 7.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m.)

Khrua Luang Orchid *(ครัวหลวงออร์คิด)* 9/3 Mu 10 Tambon Tha Khoei Tel: 08 1763 5239, (open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)
Krua Kariang *(ครัวกะเหรี่ยง)* 196 Mu 1 Tambon Suan Phueng, Tel: 0 3239 5166, 08 7658 5375, (Thai Food, open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m.)
Khrua Mon Khai *(ครัวม่อนไข่)* 256 Mu 3 Tambon Suan Phueng Tel: 08 6173 5762, 08 5225 4241 (open everyday: 6.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m.)
Kuai Tieo Ped *(ก๋วยเตี๋ยวเป็ด)* (Opposite to Suan Phueng District Office) 3/17 Mu 1 Tambon Suan Phueng, Tel: 0 3239 5072 (Open: 8.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.)
Pa Ho *(ป้าห่อ)* In front of Suan Phueng District Office.
Phawothai *(ภโวทัย)* (In Phawothai Local Museum) 94 Suan Pa Sirikit-Suan Phueng Road, Tambon Tanaosri, Tel: 0 3239 5192-4, Office in Ban Pong District, Tel: 0 3222 1189, 08 6171 8400 (Thai Food, open: Friday-Sunday & National holidays 7.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m.)
Phutsa *(พุทรา)* 3/1 Mu 1 Ratchaburi-Pha Pok Road, Tambon Tha Khoei, Tel: 0 3236 4229, 08 1794 8523, 08 9029 5220 (Thai Food, open everyday: 9.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m.)

Local Products & Souvenir Shops

Pottery *(ประเภทเครื่องปั้นดินเผา)*

Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi *(อำเภอเมืองราชบุรี)*

Aong Din Thong *(โอ่งดินทอง)* 57/2 Mu 4 Phetkasem Road (Sai Kao), Tambon Khok Mo, Tel: 0 3232 3892
Aong Rung Sin *(โอ่งรุ่งศิลป์)* 41/3 Chedi Hak Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3233 7371, 0 3232 1371 Fax: 0 3232 1371 (open 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)
Rattanakosin 1 *(รัตนโกสินทร์ 1)* 124 Mu 4 Phetkasem Road (Sai Mai) Tambon Khok Mo, Tel: 0 3232 1322, 0 3232 1323, 0 3231 6767, Fax: 0 3232 1323 (open 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)
Rattanakosin 2 *(รัตนโกสินทร์ 2)* 82 Mu 5 Khao Ngu Road, Tambon Chedi Hak, Tel/Fax: 0 3239 1089 (open 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)
Rattanakosin 3 *(รัตนโกสินทร์ 3)* Phetkasem Road Tel: 0 3231 2932
Siamrat Krueang Klueap *(สยามราชเครื่องเคลือบ)* 130 Mu 4 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Khok Mo, Tel: 0 3233 7502 (Open: Fridays-Saturdays 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)
Thaohongthai *(เถ้าฮงไถ่)* 234/1 Chedi Hak Road, Tambon Chedi Hak, Tel: 0 3233 7574, 0 3232 3630, 0 3231 3602 Fax: 0 3223 1761(open: 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)

Amphoe Ban Pong *(อำเภอบ้านโป่ง)*

Racha Ceramic *(ราชาเซรามิค)* Song Phon Road (Tel: 0 3220 1403 Fax: 0 3220 1405 E-mail: wanlaparacha@hotmail.com)

Cotton *(ประเภทสิ่งทอ)*

Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi *(อำเภอเมืองราชบุรี)*

Ratchaburi Kan To *(ราชบุรีการทอ)* Udomsiri Road

Thai Charoen *(ไทยเจริญ)* 17/19 Udomsiri Road, Tambon Na Mueang, Tel: 0 3233 8530 (open: 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)

Yong Hua Li *(ย้งฮั่วหลี)* Udomsiri Road

Amphoe Pak Tho *(อำเภอปากท่อ)*

กลุ่มทำผ้าไหมบาติก 130 Mu 2 Ban Huai, Tambon Pa Kai, Amphoe Pak Tho Tel. 08 9837 3881, 08 9857 1911

Decorative Items *(ประเภทเครื่องใช้และเครื่องประดับ)*

Amphoe Chom Bueng *(อำเภอจอมบึง)*

Dokmai Pradit *(ดอกไม้ประดิษฐ์)* 147 Mu 4 Tambon Chom Bueng Tel: 0 3236 2018, 08 1318 7113, (Open: Mondays-Fridays 8.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)

Thaowan Daeng *(เถาวัลย์แดง)* 104 Mu 1 Tambon Pak Chong, Tel: 08 1192 2720, 09 9518 8661 (open 8 a.m.-5.00 p.m.)

Thian Hom *(เทียนหอม)* 31 Mu 5 Tambon Chom Bueng,Tel: 08 1841 1895 (open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Chom Bueng Souvenir Product Centre *(ศูนย์ผลิตภัณฑ์ของฝากจากจอมบึง)* On Highway no.3087 (Ratchaburi-Chom Bueng) open everyday: 8.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m. (Before reaching Thom Chom Pon)

Amphoe Suan Phueng *(อำเภอสวนผึ้ง)*

Ban Hom Thien *(บ้านหอมเทียน)* Km 33. on Chom Bueng-Suan Phueng Road Tel: 08 5845 7379

Dessert *(ประเภทขนมและอาหาร)*

Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi *(อำเภอเมืองราชบุรี)*

Khanom Pia Khai Khem Khannika *(Pi Nom) (ขนมเปี๊ยะไข่เค็มกรรณิการ์) (พี่นอม)* 65/44-45 Soi Opposite Daruna school, Khathathon Road, Tel: 0 3232 3079 (open 7.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m.)

Amphoe Ban Pong *(อำเภอบ้านโป่ง)*

Khanom Thai Kanya *(ขนมไทยกัญญา)* 60/1 Khai Luang Road (In front of Talat Thesaban. Stagged Ban Pong Amphoe Office) Tel: 0 3221 1624, (open: 9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.)

Amphoe Photharam *(อำเภอโพธาราม)*

Chai Po Wan Mae Kim Huai *(ไชโป๊หวาน แม่กิมฮวย)* Tambon Chet Samien, Tel: 0 3237 5288

Amphoe Chom Bueng *(อำเภอจอมบึง)*

Cha Bai Mon *(ชาใบหม่อน)* 1 Mu 3 Tambon Bueak Phrai, Tel: 08 1008 8434 (open 8.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m.)
Kalamae *(กาละแม)* 104 Mu 13 Tambon Pak Chong, Tel: 08 9915 5512
Kanom Dok Chok *(ขนมดอกจอก)* Mu 17 Tambon Dan Tap Tako
Kayasat *(กระยาสารท)* 67 Mu 11 Tambon Kaem Aon, Tel: 08 9506 8282
Khao Som Mue *(ข้าวซ้อมมือ)* 16 Mu 10 Tambon Bueak Phrai, Tel: 08 1293 7846, 08 9532 3076
Khai Khem Ban Khao Pratap Chang *(ไข่เค็มบ้านเขาประทับช้าง)* 129 Mu 1 Tambon Pak Chong.
Phonlamai Prae Rup *(ผลไม้แปรรูป)* 139 Mu 13 Tambon Chom Bueng, Tel: 08 6143 1346 (open 9.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m.)
Phuet Samunphrai *(พืชสมุนไพร)* Mu 16 Tambon Dan Tap Tako

Amphoe Bang Phae *(อำเภอบางแพ)*

Che Phayom *(เจ๊พะยอม)* Km 11 Bang Phae-Pho Hak Road

Sport Activities *(กิจกรรมกีฬา)*

Golf Courses *(สนามกอล์ฟ)*

Dragon Hill Golf and Country Club *(ดรากอน ฮิลล์ กอล์ฟ แอนด์ คันทรี คลับ)* 192 Mu 2 Tambon Ang Hin, Amphoe Pak Tho Tel: 0 3222 9122 open 6.00 a.m.– 6.00 p.m. (18 holes)
Royal Ratchaburi Resort *(รอยัล ราชบุรี รีสอร์ท)* 144 Mu 5 Tambon Khao Raeng, Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi Tel: 0 3271 1014-5, 0 3222 7032 (18 Holes: open everyday: open 6.00 a.m.– 8.00 p.m. (18 holes)
Ratchaburi Golf Club and Resort *(วูซุง แคสเซิล ฮิลล์ (ราชบุรี กอล์ฟ คลับ แอนด์ รีสอร์ท)* 79 Mu 12 Pak Bueng-Nong Kwang Road, Tambon Chom Bueng, Amphoe Chom Bueng Tel: 0 3222 8069-70, 08 1917 8794 Fax: 0 3222 8063-4, open 6.00 a.m.– 6.00 p.m. (18 holes)
Panurangsi Golf Courses *(สนามกอล์ฟภานุรังสี)* 70 Mu 7 Tambon Ko Plap Pla, Amphoe Mueang Tel: 0 3239 1019,0 3239 1021-4 ext. 52277 www.panurangsigolf.com open 6.00 a.m.– 6.00 p.m. (18 holes)

Cable Ski *(เคเบิลสกี)*

Lake Point Sport Club *(เลค พอย์ท สปอร์ต คลับ)* 133 Mu 10 Tambon Phaeng Phuai Tel: 0 3236 5500-1 Fax: 0 3236 5444 Bangkok Tel: 0 2212 8777-8 Fax: 0 2212 5437 www.lakepointsportclub.com, 21 houses: 1,000 baht

Useful Calls

Provincial Information	Tel: 0 3232 7660, 0 3232 7695, 0 3233 7890
Municipality Ratchaburi	Tel: 0 3233 7075-6, 0 3233 7688, 0 3233 7134
Ratchaburi Tourist Center	Tel: 0 3232 2028
Ratchaburi Center Hospital	Tel: 0 3232 1826-8, 0 3232 7999
Suan Phueng Hospital	Tel: 0 3236 4496-8
Police Station (Amphoe Mueang)	Tel: 0 3231 5494-6, 0 3233 7212
Police Station (Amphoe Suan Phueng)	Tel: 0 3239 5111
Police Station (Amphoe Ban Kha)	Tel: 0 3222 8573
Bus Station	Tel: 0 3233 7787
Ratchaburi Group 76 Company Limited	Tel: 0 3232 2776, 0 3232 5152, 0 3233 8439, 0 3233 8276
Ratchaburi Railway Station	Tel: 0 3233 7002
Tourist Police	Tel: 1155
Highway Police	Tel: 1193

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TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS

1. Tourism Authority of Thailand Head Office

1600 Phetchaburi Road., Makkasan
Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400
Tel: 0 2250 5500 (120 automatic lines)
Fax: 0 2250 5511
www.tourismthailand.org
E-mail: info@tat.or.th

2. Ministry of Tourism and Sports

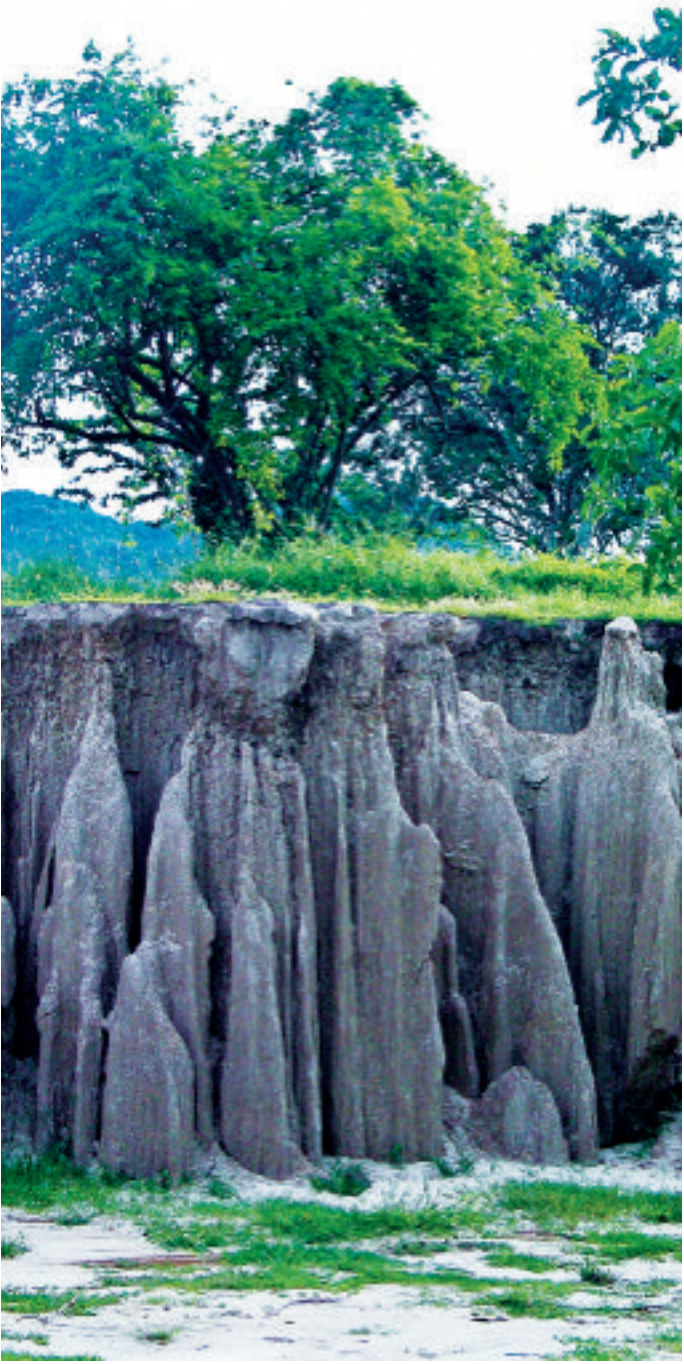
4 Ratchadamnoen Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10100
8.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m. everyday

3. Tourism Authority of Thailand Phetchaburi Office

500/51 Phetkasem Road, Tambon Cha-am
Amphoe Cha-am, Phetchaburi 76120
Tel: 0 3247 1005-6 Fax: 0 3247 1502
Areas of Responsibility : Phetchaburi and Ratchaburi
www.tourismthailand.org/phetchaburi
E-mail: tatphet@tat.or.th

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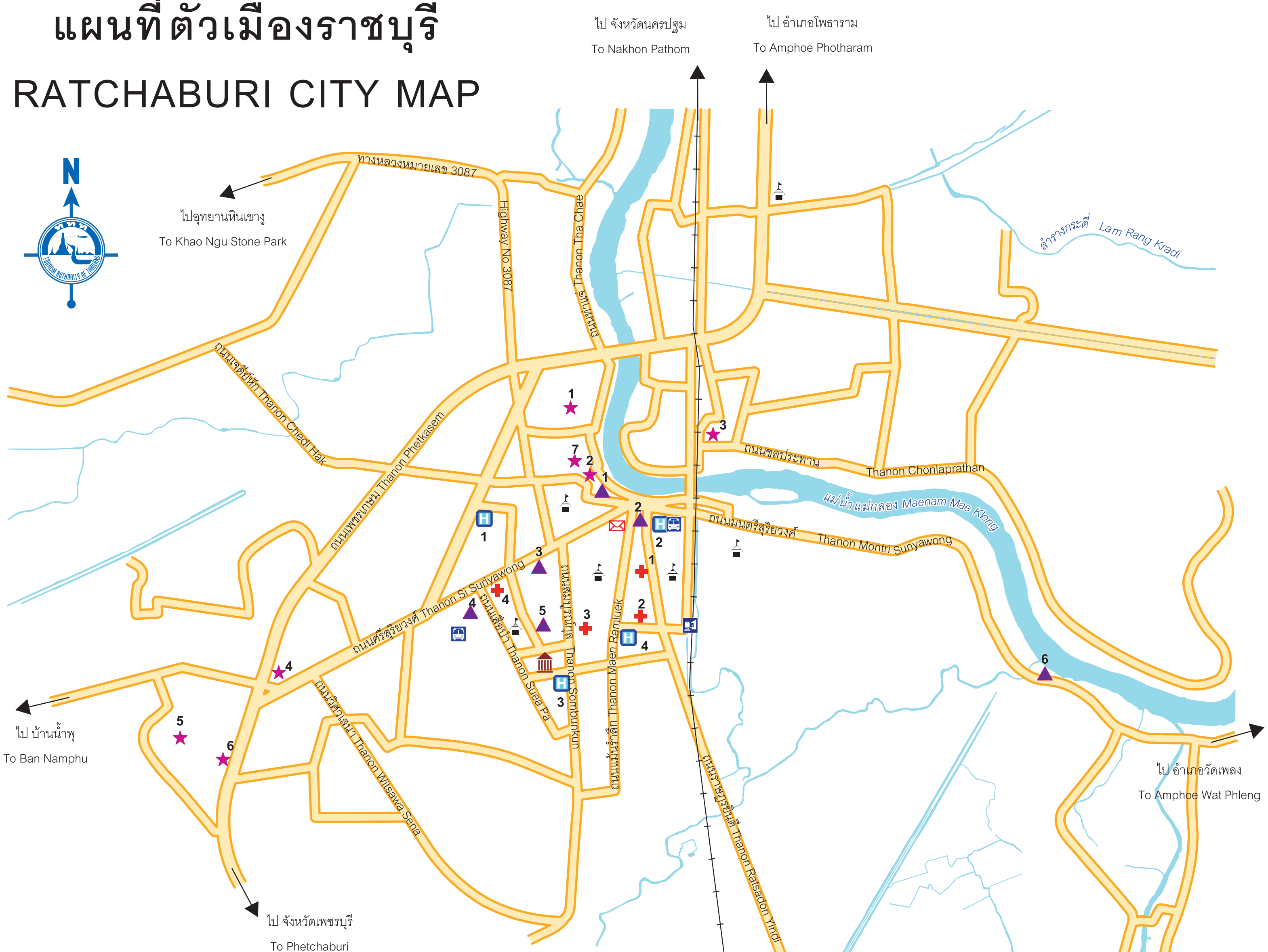
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RATCHABURI CITY MAP



สัญลักษณ์ Legend

ศาลากลางจังหวัด	City Hall	สถานีรถไฟ	Railway Station
ไปรษณีย์	Post Office	ทางรถไฟ	Railway
โรงเรียน	School	ถนน	Road
สถานีขนส่ง	Bus Terminal	แหล่งน้ำ, แม่น้ำ	Stream, River

โรงแรม Hotel

1 โรงแรมเวสเทิร์น แกรนด์ Western Grand Hotel
2 โรงแรมนำสิน ราชบุรี Namsin Ratchaburi Hotel
3 โรงแรมแพรว อาภาเพลส Phraeo Apha Place Hotel
4 โรงแรมกฤษณะ Kritsana Hotel

โรงพยาบาล Hospital

1 โรงพยาบาลราษฎรยินดี Rajyindee Hospital
2 โรงพยาบาลรวมแพทย์ Ruam Phaet Hospital
3 โรงพยาบาลราชบุรี Ratchaburi Hospital
4 โรงพยาบาลแม่และเด็กจังหวัดราชบุรี
Ratchaburi Maternal and Child Hospital

สถานที่สำคัญ Places

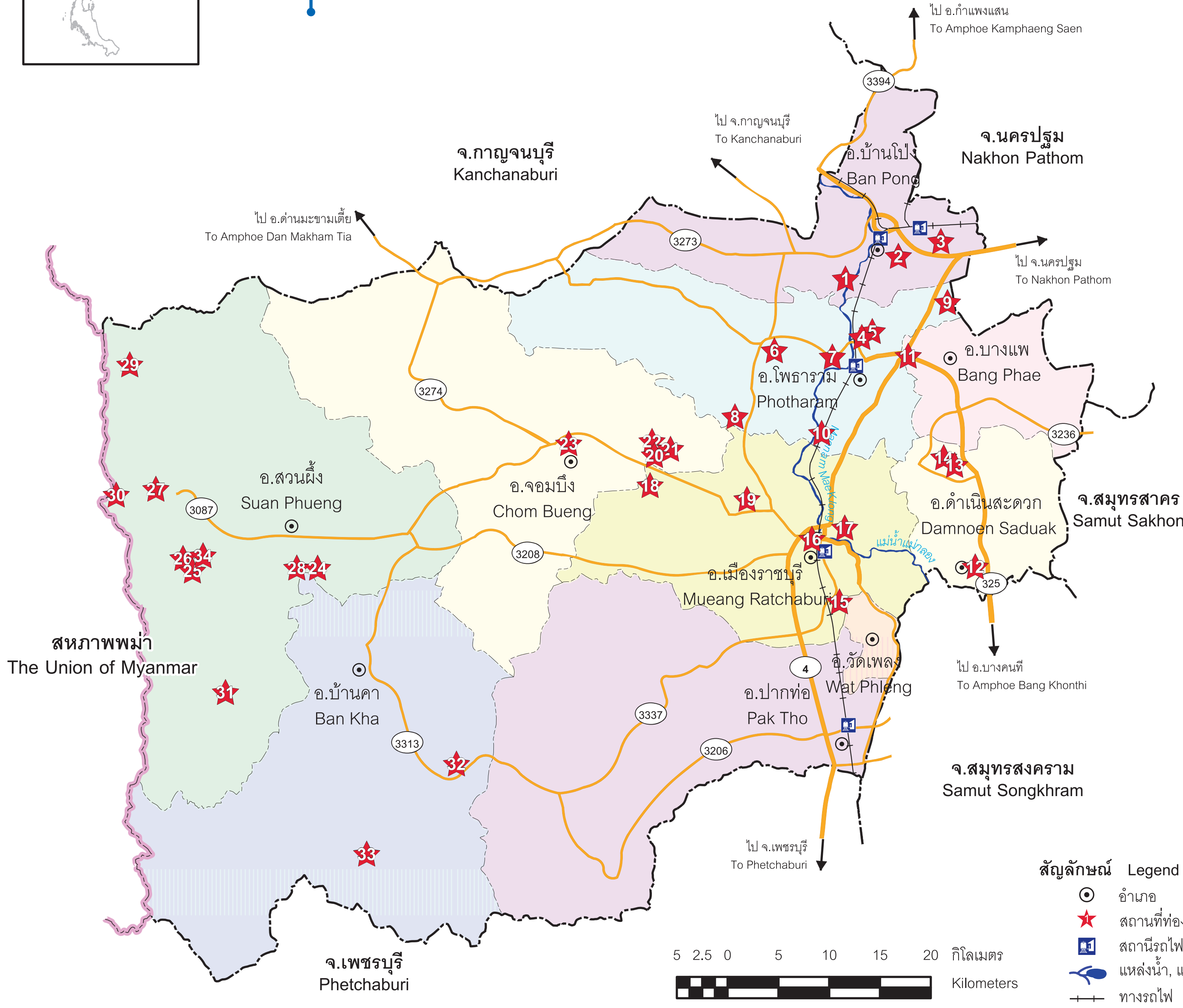
1 มหาวิทยาลัยเทคโนโลยีพระจอมเกล้าธนบุรี วิทยาเขตราชบุรี
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
Ratchaburi Campus
2 สถานีตำรวจภูธรอำเภอเมือง
Amphoe Mueang Ratchaburi Police Station
3 สำนักงานเทศบาลเมืองราชบุรี Ratchaburi Municipal Office
4 วิทยาลัยเทคนิคราชบุรี Ratchaburi Technical College
5 ศาลจังหวัดราชบุรี Ratchaburi Provincial Court
6 องค์การบริหารส่วนตำบลบ้านไร่
Banrai Subdistrict Administration Organization

แหล่งท่องเที่ยว Tourist Attraction

1 วัดมหาธาตุวรวิหาร Wat Mahathat Worawihan
2 พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติราชบุรี Ratchaburi National Museum
3 ศาลเจ้าพ่อหลักเมือง City Pillar Shrine
4 วัดเขาวัง Wat Khao Wang
5 เขาแก่นจันทน์ Khao Kaen Chan
6 สวนสาธารณะจักรีอนุสรณ์สถาน Chakri Memorial Park
7 วัดช่องลม (หลวงพ่อแก่นจันทน์) Wat Chong Lom
(Luang Pho Kaenchan)



แผนที่ท่องเที่ยวจังหวัดราชบุรี
RATCHABURI TOURIST MAP



สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว Tourist Attractions

1 พิพิธภัณฑ์พื้นบ้านวัดม่วง Wat Muang Folk Museum
2 อุทยานบ้านปลาและสวนผีเสื้อมนชิดา
Monchida Aquarium and Butterfly Garden
3 บึงกระจับ Bueng Krachap
4 วัดคงคาราม Wat Khongkharam
5 ค่ายหลวงบ้านไร่ Khai Luang Ban Rai
6 เขาช่องพราน Khao Chong Phran
7 พิพิธภัณฑ์หนังใหญ่วัดขนอน Nang Yai Museum, Wat Khanon
8 ถ้ำสาริกา Tham Sarika
9 สหกรณ์โคนมหนองโพราชบุรี จำกัด
The Ratchaburi Nong Pho Dairy Cooperative Ltd.
10 ตลาดเจ็ดเสมียน Talat Chet Samian
11 อุทยานหุ่นขี้ผึ้งสยาม Siam Cultural Park
12 ตลาดน้ำดำเนินสะดวก Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
13 รอยัลไทย แฮนด์ดิคราฟ เซ็นเตอร์ Royal Thai Handicraft Centre
14 วัดหลวงพ่อสดธรรมกายาราม Wat Luangpho Sot Thammakayaram
15 เมืองโบราณบ้านคูบัว Ban Khu Bua Ancient City
16 พิพิธภัณฑสถานแห่งชาติ ราชบุรี Ratchaburi National Museum
17 ศาลเจ้าพ่อหลักเมือง City Pillar Shrine
18 ถ้ำเขาบิน Tham Khao Bin
19 ถ้ำฤาษีเขางู Tham Ruesi Khao Ngu
20 สวนพฤกษศาสตร์วรรณคดีภาคกลาง เขาประทับช้าง
Central Literature Botanical Garden, Khao Prathap Chang
21 เขตห้ามล่าสัตว์ป่าเขาประทับช้าง
Khao Prathap Chang Wildlife Sanctuary
22 สถานีวิจัยการเพาะเลี้ยงสัตว์ป่าเขาประทับช้าง
Khao Prathap Chang Wildlife Breeding Research Station
23 ถ้ำจอมพล Tham Chomphon
24 โป่งยุบ Pong Yup
25 ธารน้ำร้อนบ่อคลึง Bo Khlueng Hot Stream
26 น้ำตกเก้าชั้น Namtok Kao Chan
27 ไร่อุษาวดี Usawadi Garden
28 พิพิธภัณฑ์ภโวทัย Phawothai Local Museum
29 บ้านห้วยน้ำใส Ban Huai Nam Sai
30 เขากระโจม Khao Krachom
31 แก่งส้มแมว Kaeng Som Maeo
32 บ้านโป่งกระทิง Ban Pong Krathing
33 พุน้ำร้อนไทยประจันต์ Thai Prachan Hot Spring
34 อุทยานธรรมชาติวิทยา Natural Science Park

สัญลักษณ์ Legend

อำเภอ	Amphoe (District)		ทางหลวง	Highway
สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว	Tourist Attraction		เส้นขอบเขตประเทศ	International Boundary
สถานีรถไฟ	Railway Station		เส้นขอบเขตจังหวัด	Province Boundary
แหล่งน้ำ, แม่น้ำ	Stream, River		เส้นขอบเขตอำเภอ	District Boundary
ทางรถไฟ	Railway			

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